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# Cabinet approves NIS 164b. budget for '98

By DAVID HARRIS

The government last night approved the state budget for 1998, the inflation rate target, and a blueprint for some 100 structural reforms to the economy.

The cabinet approved a budget of NIS 164.4 billion, including an NIS 2.3b. cut in public expenditures.

Additionally, the ministers approved an inflation target of 7 percent-10%, in line with the Treasury's proposal and against the recommendation of the Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel to fix the rate at 6%-9%.

These two measures received the support of nine ministers, but Education Minister Zevulun Hammer, Labor and Social Affairs Minister Eli

Yishai, and Transport Minister Yitzhak Levy voted against, with Interior Minister Eli Suissa abstaining.

It is understood that Science Minister Michael Eitan also abstained.

A few moments into the meeting, Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, who is calling for a NIS 1.5b. addition to his ministry's budget, walked out, leaving a note indicating his dissatisfaction with the budget proposals.

Foreign Minister David Levy also left the meeting without voting. He said he was unhappy that the Treasury still had not put forward its order of priorities for the 1998 budget.

Furthermore, he objected to the cabinet voting on various proposals "en bloc."

Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky

also was absent, but for personal reasons.

The cabinet also approved - this time unanimously - the Treasury documents containing some 100 proposals for reforms in the economy, with one exception that will be reexamined by the Treasury.

Before the meeting, Hammer, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, and Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman met to discuss the education budget.

Hammer is demanding an additional NIS 330 million, but the Treasury is only offering NIS 130m.

Immediately after the meeting, Netanyahu told reporters that a compromise will be reached in the coming days and that "the long school day will be."

Delighted with the green light given by the ministers, Netanyahu said, "This is an important step on an important day."

However, he warned that while considerable progress has been made in reducing the budget deficit, there is still much work to be done.

He called on ministers and coalition MKs to

all sorts of lobbies and interests against the budget," he said.

Neeman urged coalition members to show the same responsibility as the ministers and said to the public at large with regard to the reforms. "This program will first and foremost bring about the lowering of prices."

Both Neeman and Netanyahu said they are not considering raising taxes "at this stage."

With regard to the defense budget, Netanyahu said he understands the concern of the defense establishment, but said the debate must not be conducted in public.

Faced with the threat of Histadrut action, Netanyahu asked, "Why? Because we're introducing competition which is good for all?"

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support the proposals.  
"I have no doubt it will be difficult, there'll be

## Ross: We have a beginning

By JAY BUSHINSKY, JON IMMANUEL and Jerusalem Post Staff

US peace envoy Dennis Ross wrapped up his four days of round-the-clock diplomacy yesterday with a CIA-supervised mechanism in

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place to bolster Israel's internal security by preventing terrorist operations from being launched from the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

"We certainly, at this point, have a beginning," Ross said, after his fifth and final meeting with Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat in Ramallah. He said it "makes it possible to do what is essential - settle the political differences."

Before conferring with Arafat, Ross waited at Ben-Gurion Airport for Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu to return from his Akaba summit with King Hussein. He boarded Netanyahu's limousine for the drive to Jerusalem, during which he was briefed on the summit and discussed the countermeasures taken after the Mahaneh Yehuda bombing. It was Ross's fifth meeting with Netanyahu.

Before his departure, Ross said he expected some restrictions imposed on the PA to be lifted, but he did not offer a time frame. The main topic discussed during

the drive was the easing of sanctions, particularly the release of funds, derived from various taxes and revenues, to the PA.

"When the Palestinians refer to sanctions, they mainly mean money," said David Bar-Ilan, Netanyahu's director of communications.

He denied there was any talk of lifting the closure, contending that this is up to the "security people."

Bar-Ilan said he "didn't see any concrete action" by the PA to stamp out terrorist infrastructures. But he gave Ross credit for having set up the security panel and influencing the PA "to take security seriously."

One of the long-range results of Ross's peacemaking effort will be the projected arrival of Secretary of State Madeleine Albright.

Albright said yesterday that Ross's mission made headway on security issues but "we have to see results" from Arafat.

"What we have to do is see actions, results," she told reporters. Albright said she would go to the Middle East "in the coming days or weeks," but her decision would be based on reports by her expert advisers.

"We consider it essential that the violence be stopped and everything be done by Chairman Arafat to make sure that the infrastructure of the terrorist groups is dismantled and that he make 100 percent effort in order to make sure that the terrorist activities do not take place," she said.

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# PM to Hussein: Closure vital

## Warns of more planned bombings

By JAY BUSHINSKY

AKABA - At a businesslike but cordial summit yesterday, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu told Jordan's King Hussein that the prolonged closure of the West Bank and Gaza Strip is essential to Israel's internal security.

"We have information about an additional terrorist attack being planned," Netanyahu said at a joint news conference at Hussein's winter palace here.

"Terrorism can put peace into jeopardy," he went on, as the king stood to his left, each with a respective lectern emblazoned with the Jordanian monarchy's seal.

"This is not a political matter," Netanyahu said. "It is a question of lives being at stake." He said he expected the Palestinian Authority to combat terrorism "as promised in the Oslo Accords."

Netanyahu's brief trip to Jordan came exactly one week after his abortive invitation to Hussein to visit him in Jerusalem. The king sent his regrets at the last minute, but authorized Crown Prince Hassan to go in his stead, along with Prime Minister Abdul Majali



Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and Jordan's King Hussein address a news conference yesterday after meeting in the southern Jordanian port town of Akaba. (Gideon Markowicz)

and Foreign Minister Fayeze Tharoneh. Netanyahu dodged a question about the identity of the two Mahaneh Yehuda suicide bombers, but charged that they were given

assistance "by locally based organizations." He contended that the party that gave that logistical help

"appears to be Hamas."

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## British hitchhiker slain near Eilat

A man who picked up two British tourists hitchhiking from Eilat turned on them as they took a cigarette break, shooting and killing one and wounding the other.

Soldiers on a military vehicle found the body of Jeffrey Max Hunter, 22, on the side of the road early yesterday.

A woman traveling with him, Charlotte Gibb, 20, was found on the same road with three gunshot wounds, police and hospital officials said. She underwent surgery at Soroka Hospital in Beersheba.

Hospital spokeswoman Batia Kuris said Gibb was in fair condition with gunshot wounds to the jaw, arm, and hand.

Police and the IDF set up roadblocks in the South to search for the killer, based on Gibb's description.

The British consulate in Tel Aviv said Hunter was a law student from Surrey, south of London. It said Gibb, a student from the town

of Peterborough, was not in critical condition.

Police said that the two were hitchhiking north from Eilat late Tuesday night and were picked up at a gas station. Their driver stopped for a rest and suddenly opened fire on them, killing Hunter immediately.

"We were having a cigarette outside the car, like a rest from the journey, and then I just saw lots of flashes and he'd shot us basically," Gibb told reporters.

Hunter's father said Jeffrey had gone to Israel to work on a kibbutz for six months. "Max never felt as though he would be in danger and being in Israel he felt he would be safe," he said, speaking from the family's home in Banstead, Great Britain.

Police said the driver may have fled to Egypt.

The motive for the shooting, the second attack involving young British tourists in Israel in three weeks, was unclear.

Deputy police commander Dudi Cohen told Israel Radio that police were checking all leads, but had little to go on. Gibb told reporters that the driver spoke Hebrew, but that she did not know whether he was an Israeli Jew or Arab.

(News Agencies)



Jeffrey Hunter (AP)

## US official: Bombers came from abroad

Jerusalem Post Staff and news agencies

WASHINGTON - All the information now in the hands of the US indicates that the two suicide bombers responsible for the Mahaneh Yehuda attack came from outside the borders of Israel and the Palestinian Authority, a senior American official said yesterday.

He added, however, that they were assisted in preparing their bombs and planning the attack by the terrorist infrastructure that exists in the autonomous areas.

This supports PA Chairman Yasser Arafat's contention that the bombers came from outside the areas under his control.

The official did not say where the bombers had come

from, but indicated there is no information that they were Hizbullah members from Lebanon, as has been reported in the press. He also said he is not aware of any indication that they came from Turkey.

The official emphasized that the fact that the terrorists apparently came from abroad does not relieve the PA of its responsibility, as they were aided by a terrorist infrastructure in areas under PA control.

He also said there is a suspicion that those who sent the terrorists are planning other attacks.

Meanwhile, a Jordanian weekly reported that Ahmed Jibril, a leading rejectionist and enemy of Arafat, was behind the Mahaneh Yehuda bombings after recruiting four suspects, who trained in Iran and arrived in Israel via Turkey.

The report in *Shihon* shared one point with a report from the pro-Hamas *Kuds Press* in Nicosia: both said the bombers were recruited in Ein Hilweh refugee camp in Lebanon and received help here.

In Dubai, Moussa Abu Marzouk was quoted in a bimonthly magazine called *Israh* as saying that Palestinians should turn the lives of Jewish settlers "into an unbearable hell."

Abu Marzouk, a member of the political bureau of Hamas, was deported from the US to Jordan in May, after Israel decided to drop its request for extradition though a New York court had upheld it.

Abu Marzouk said, "We call on our people in Palestine to stalk the herds of those spiteful settlers and turn their lives into an unbearable hell."

# Religious Affairs Ministry publishes siddur without prayer for welfare of state

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

The Religious Affairs Ministry has published a siddur which does not include the prayer for the welfare of the state and its leaders.

The prayerbook, dated Kislev 5757, also makes the saying of Hallel optional rather than mandatory on Independence Day, according to Meimad, the movement for Religious Zionist renewal. The siddur also leaves out additional prayers said on Independence Day.

According to Meimad spokesman Yisrael Cohen, the siddur was compiled by Rabbi Mordechai Eliahu, considered one

of the National Religious Party's spiritual leaders.

Meimad officials said they fear the move, which violates the consensus that has existed in the Religious Zionist camp since the state's establishment, is an expression of an increasing move to the right in parts of that camp, whose members are distancing themselves from Zionism and acceptance of the authority of the state.

Rabbi Kalman Neuman, a member of the Meimad central committee, said he had walked into a synagogue in Jerusalem's Katamon neighborhood and found a copy of the siddur there "about a month ago."

"I'm worried that this might be symptomatic of a certain drift towards hard positions among the Religious Zionist community," he said. "During the Rabin government, there were rabbis who called for not saying the prayer for the welfare of the state, and this might be a continuation of a kind of disenchantment with certain things that are going on in the state, and a kind of downplaying of the religious role of the State of Israel, the place of the State of Israel in religious attitudes."

He added that when a similar situation involving another siddur occurred "about 18 months ago,"

copies still in the ministry's possession had a sticker bearing the prayer for the welfare of the state inserted into them before they were distributed.

A National Religious Party spokesman said that this "was obviously done by mistake, and should be corrected as soon as possible and steps taken so that it does not happen again."

Religious Affairs Ministry spokesman Yair Wolf said "nothing had happened," and explained that according to the siddur, based on the customs of Eliahu, the prayer for the welfare of the state is not said. Rather, he said, an expanded version of the prayer for

the well-being of IDF soldiers, which includes portions relating to the state, is said.

Wolf said the traditional version of the prayer for the state is "not sacred" and that it was wrong for Meimad officials to "go looking" for reasons to find fault with Eliahu, whom he said had a special prayer book he uses on Independence Day.

Wolf said the ministry also must meet the religious needs of the haredi public, and that it would be ridiculous to give them prayer books "with a prayer they don't say" and which would cause an even greater outcry if they tore it out.





# NEWS

in brief

## Condition of terror victim worsens

The condition of one of those wounded in the Mahaneh Yehuda bombing has worsened and was described as "extremely grave" by Hadassah-University Hospital in Jerusalem's Ein Kerem section. Two other victims are still in Hadassah in serious condition, and one in Shaare Zedek Hospital is in serious, but stable condition. *Itm*

## Monitoring group hits Israel, guerrillas

The five-nation Grapes of Wrath monitoring group yesterday criticized Israel and unnamed irregular forces for recent attacks on civilians. The monitors also urged the warring parties to observe the 1996 understanding on combat in southern Lebanon to avoid civilian casualties. The group, issued a statement after three days of talks at UNIFIL headquarters in Nakoura.

The group said it had discussed five Lebanese and six Israeli complaints about attacks that killed a total of 15 people in the past 10 days. Eight of the dead were Lebanese civilians, six were guerrillas, and one an Israeli soldier. *AP*

## Tourist beaten by two Arabs

A Guatemalan Jewish tourist was beaten and lightly wounded yesterday by two Arab youths outside Jerusalem's Old City, police said. Police said he had quarreled several days before with Arab merchants and was recognized and approached by the two youths, who beat him with a belt. The two were arrested and one was found with a knife in his possession. Following the altercation, a group of about 100 Arab youths threw bottles and stones towards police, injuring one officer. *AP*

## Egypt warns of Palestinian hunger revolt

CAIRO, Egypt — President Hosni Mubarak warned yesterday that an Israeli blockade on Palestinian autonomous areas could lead to a "hunger revolt." Egypt's official Middle East News Agency reported.

Depriving Palestinians of "medicine and food could lead to uncalculated acts, and a hunger revolt is extremely dangerous," Mubarak was quoted as saying.

Mubarak, who was meeting with university students in Alexandria, said "progress in the peace process is the only guarantee to achieve security," MENA reported. *AP*

## Woman drowns

A 52-year-old woman from Bat Yam drowned last night on the beach by the Sun Hotel. She was taking a stroll on the beach with her husband and they both went into the water. She disappeared from his sight for several minutes before her husband found her body on the shore. *Itm*

## Meshulam supporters suspected of vandalism

Four youths who are supporters of Rabbi Uzi Meshulam were arrested yesterday on suspicion of damaging traffic lights in the Dan Region. Over the past week, some 20 traffic lights have been damaged. *Itm*

# Syria discusses arms deal with Russia

By DOUGLAS DAVIS

LONDON — Syria is on the brink of signing a \$3 billion arms deal with Russia that will be financed by Iran and Saudi Arabia, sources in London said.

Damascus has been negotiating since March to obtain the Russian hardware and technology it needs to re-equip, upgrade and modernize its military forces, the sources said Tuesday.

At the time, General Mikhail Timkin, deputy head of Russia's state arms sales agency Rosvooruzhenie, visited Damascus to discuss military procurement and modernization plans.

According to a senior Arab commentator, the talks were based on a shared interest of restoring the regional balance of power, which they believe has tilted in favor of Israel.

Other interests fueling the negotiations, he said, were the deadlock in the peace process and increased risks of a military clash between Syria and Israel, and the

emergence of an Israeli-Turkish alliance, considered threatening by Syria, Iran and Russia.

Iranian and Syrian officials agreed in February to effectively upgrade their traditional relationship as a direct response to the Israeli-Turkish military alliance. Iran agreed to bolster Syria's military capabilities.

In recent weeks, Syria reportedly persuaded the Saudis to help underwrite the cost of new weapons.

Strategic analyst Qassem Mohammad Jaafar wrote in the London-based al-Wasat weekly that the arms deal is expected to include:

- \* Three squadrons of sophisticated multi-role MiG-29s — around 48 aircraft;
- \* Up to 24 Sukhoi-27 interceptors;
- \* New surface-to-air missiles — mainly Sam-11s;
- \* Modernizing the targeting and night-vision systems of Syria's 1,500 T-72 tanks;
- \* Syrian is also seeking 300 new T-80 tanks.

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# Ten Arab homes razed

By JON IMMANUEL

The Jerusalem municipality and civil administration yesterday demolished 10 illegally built homes in Jerusalem and the West Bank, but Mayor Ehud Olmert spared an eleventh because it belonged to the family of a boy badly wounded in the Mahaneh Yehuda bombing.

Sayed Khader, 15, a market porter from Shuafat refugee camp in Jerusalem, is in Hadassah Hospital after having had a leg amputated. Olmert decided from humanitarian considerations to spare the home, said Shalom Goldstein, Olmert's adviser on Arab affairs.

Goldstein said that "while the home remained illegal, the mayor had decided to waive his administrative right to order a demolition and to go through the courts. This was a much longer procedure."

Five homes were demolished on the borders of Shuafat refugee camp. It is one of the most run-down camps outside Gaza, and the Jerusalem municipality invests nothing in its infrastructure. UNRWA has administrative control inside the camp.

Human rights organizations welcomed Olmert's decision to spare one home but said there were equally pressing reasons to spare others. One of those demolished belonged to Asma Hoshiya, a mother of eight children, "one of whom is very sick and cannot be moved," said LAW, the Palestinian Society for the Protection of Human Rights. Two homes had dates for hearings concerning their housing applications. LAW claimed the Shuafat homes were demolished because they face Pisgat Zeev.

Two homes were destroyed in Anata, Jerusalem, three in Furdis and Husan near Bethlehem. In all, 32 Palestinian homes were destroyed in the past week.

Mohammed Najib contributed to this report.



Border policemen stand near an illegally built Arab home in Shuafat while a bulldozer demolishes it yesterday. (Reuters)

# PLO still answering phones in DC

By Jerusalem Post Staff

WASHINGTON — The secretary in the PLO's Washington office continued to answer the phones there as usual yesterday, despite the expiration of the law allowing it to operate.

Hassan Abdel Rahman, the senior Palestinian representative here, said that the office has to limit its activities, but is not required to close down.

A reduced staff reported for work yesterday, and Rahman said the entire staff will be taking a vacation. It will return next month, when Congress is back in session, in the hope that Congress will renew the law and allow them to continue their work.

Jon Immanuel adds:

## PM

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Netanyahu said that "it would have been impossible to carry out this attack without the assistance of locally based people."

Asked whether the closure does not constitute "collective punishment," Netanyahu said Israel has been trying to alleviate its impact and intends to ease its restrictions "as security conditions change."

However, he contended that "terror was making a comeback" after a recent lull and that the need to fight it was "as important to the future of [PA Chairman Yasser] Arafat as it is to us."

Hussein did not challenge any of Netanyahu's assertions. He said the two had a "fruitful discussion" during which he expressed his hope for "translating peace into facts on the ground" and fostering "a people-to-people peace."

But alluding to the bombings, Hussein said: "This is a very dangerous moment that we are passing." He charged that "a minority here and there has tried to force its agenda on us," and called for a cessation of acts which jeopardize peace and "the restoration of hope and mutual confidence to build peace."

Netanyahu announced that National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon will coordinate a series of major new bilateral projects for the joint economic benefit of the two countries. He also said efforts are being made to reach an agreement on the use of Akaba International Airport as an

entry and departure point for travelers to and from Israel.

An official traveling aboard the prime minister's plane said an experimental security arrangement will be tried out at the Akaba airport next month to test the effectiveness of proposed control procedures.

Sharon will be responsible for development projects in the Jordan Valley and will work in conjunction with a Jordanian counterpart. The joint schemes encompass water, electricity, railroads and the establishment of a free trade zone.

These subjects were among those discussed at a parallel meeting, chaired by Hussein, in which the Majali and Tarounch were joined by Foreign Minister David Levy and Sharon.

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A senior US official in Washington said that the participation of the Central Intelligence Agency's Tel Aviv station chief as a member of the security panel was requested by both Israel and the PA. It is also indicative of the US desire to play a much more active role in the peace process.

The station chief will report to Washington on the PA's efforts to combat terror and this will determine if Albright visits, he said.

It is thought in Washington that Albright is likely to visit in the first week of September and that Ross will return before then for preparations.

The official said that Ross apparently succeeded in achieving the limited goal set for his mission, renewing security cooperation between Israel and the PA.

Ross had his own brush with terrorism when a suspicious object was discovered in a building where he was being interviewed by TV networks. He was stuck there for 20 minutes until the bomb squad determined it was only a suitcase.

"I think that Ross managed to put damage control mechanisms into effect and stop the deterioration. We agreed both sides should fight violence committed by both Israelis and Palestinians," said PA negotiator Saeb Erekat.

"He managed to bring about serious meetings at a very high

level between Israeli and Palestinian security officials and I think the road is open for a visit by Albright," he said.

Erekat could not point to any Israeli concessions, although Ross said that Israel had agreed to ease the closure.

PA Planning Minister Nabil Shaath was less positive saying that Ross came "empty-handed" to the meeting with Arafat.

The PA too appeared to make no concessions. "Israel has no right to ask for the extradition of Palestinians," Erekat said. He also said Israel gave no sign it is willing to release the blocked tax money.

Nonetheless, there seems to be agreement that US officials would continue to attend regular security meetings between the two sides.

"We need intervention by a third party," Erekat said.

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## ANALYSIS

# Time will tell if Ross made inroads

By JAY BUSHINSKY

The success or failure of American peace envoy Dennis Ross' four-day shuttle between Jerusalem and Ramallah will depend on whether the upsurge of terrorism that dominated his discussions will be contained or suppressed.

Israeli officials credited Ross with having brought the Palestinian Authority around to taking terrorism seriously.

He also fired the Palestinians' political imagination to the point where they expect a dramatic American political effort to achieve a peace agreement.

It would be facile to assume that Secretary of State Madeleine Albright's debut in Israel now is a certainty thanks to Ross's friendly persuasion of Israeli and Palestinian officials.

Albright definitely will pay a visit to Israel, but its timing and scope will depend on her evaluation of Ross's peacemaking activity.

The most spectacular aspect of the envoy's stay is his recruitment of Central Intelligence Agency personnel to the joint Israeli-Palestinian committee on security. Active American involvement is something traditionally sought by the Palestinian side. It will make it possible for the PA to deal with the US and have the Americans convey their message to Israel.

One thing is certain: the civilized and responsible parties to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict not only have invited the CIA into their midst, but also forfeited their ability to negotiate with one another directly without the presence of a foreign intermediary.

# B'tselem report details Border Police violence

By JON IMMANUEL

B'tselem, the human rights group, issued a report on continuing Border Police violence yesterday to coincide with today's expected verdict against two border policemen filmed last year abusing Palestinians in their charge.

The 31-page report provides testimony on 15 cases of violence in the past three months, of which 12 involved border policemen.

"It's an old, continuing phenomenon" said Yuval Ginbar, one of the authors of the report.

A televised videotape, shot by a hidden Palestinian, of two border policemen casually kicking, slapping, and sitting on Palestinian workers while guarding them, after they tried to avoid an IDF roadblock north of Jerusalem, shocked many last October. It forced the Border Police to examine its guidelines, especially since the two offenders had no history of violence.

"But nothing has been done to change the behavior of forces in the field," the report said.

Riad Aloun, 22, of Tsur Baher, testified that in May he was struck to the ground after refusing to lie under a Border Police jeep near the Beit Sahur checkpoint.

George Keidan, 51, of Jerusalem, said he was struck to the ground and then kicked in the head by several border policemen in June.

Mohammed Salah, 21, in July, maintained he was slapped every time he raised his head from between his knees after being placed in a police jeep.

Mohammed Fanoun, 19, of Nahalin, said in July he was forced against a wall as though to be searched and punched repeatedly in the back. When he turned round he was punched in the stomach.

Mahmoud Ghneim, 27, of Khader, said that on Tuesday he was tied by one leg to a jeep and dragged along the ground for several meters.

The Border Police said it will examine the accusations and take measures against the perpetrators, if they are shown to be correct.

## The Ministry of Religious Affairs Christian Communities Division

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## Appeals against PA jamming

By DAVID HARRIS

MK Avraham Poraz (Shinui) appealed yesterday to the High Court of Justice against the government's decision to jam Palestinian Authority radio and television broadcasts.

Poraz argued that the move decided in the wake of the July 30 Mahane Yehuda bombing was illegal and extremely unreasonable.

Knesset Economic Committee Chairman Avi Yehezkel (Labor) said such actions "show Israel to be among the dark nations."

"These broadcasts may be tasteless and contain incitement, but it is of great concern when a government of the right or left becomes involved in jamming," Yehezkel told a special committee session.

The Prime Minister's legal adviser Shimon Stein told the committee that the government hasn't yet carried out any jamming and made the decision only as a possible future option.

Communications Ministry representatives alleged that some Palestinian radio broadcasts contain incitement which could lead to violence.

PA members invited to the meeting did not attend.



**Yeshiva students remanded for manslaughter**

Two of the four yeshiva students suspected of killing a gas station attendant earlier this week are taken to their remand hearing in Jerusalem Magistrate's Court yesterday. The four - 22, 18, 15, and 20 - were remanded for two days on suspicion of manslaughter and causing the death of Mohammed Abu Saraa, 73, by negligence.

(Brian Hendler)

## Susskin found fit for trial

Tatyana Susskin was yesterday ruled mentally fit to stand trial for allegedly pasting posters on Hebron storefronts depicting the Prophet Mohammed as a pig.

Susskin, 26, spent a week at a mental hospital for tests to assess her state of mind.

"The decision was that she would stand trial after it was ruled there was no need to keep her in the mental hospital," a court official in Jerusalem said.

Susskin, a supporter of the outlawed anti-Arab Kach movement of the late U.S.-born Rabbi Meir Kahane, told reporters in court that she was "crazy in the head like the entire state" of Israel.

"Yes, I think I'm right, literally. I'm from the extreme right. I have no reason to apologize," she said, for the posters she allegedly tacked up on June 27 across 20 storefronts on the Palestinian-ruled

side of Hebron, which provoked an outpouring of Moslem rage and anti-Israeli protests. A leaflet from Muslim extremists even claimed that the Machaneh Yehuda bombing on July 30 which killed 14 Israelis, was in retaliation for the posters.

Susskin is accused of committing a racist act, harming religious sensitivities, supporting a terrorist group and endangering life by stoning an Arab car in a previous incident. She could face a maximum jail sentence of 26 years if convicted.

The Jerusalem District Court meanwhile delayed Susskin's return to prison, pending an appeal filed by her attorney to the Supreme Court against keeping her in jail.

(News agencies)



**Susskin ruled mentally fit**

(Brian Hendler)

## Knesset furor over Arab solidarity with Assad

By LIAT COLLINS

Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee Chairman Uzi Landau accused Labor leader Ehud Barak yesterday in the Knesset of helping the Arab propaganda machine by sending a message to Syrian President Hafez Assad with Israeli-Arabs who visited Damascus.

Landau, of the Likud Party, also accused some delegates of having shown disloyalty to Israel by calling for a "full right of return for Palestinians" to Israel while in Syria.

"MK Barak made a big mistake by giving a message to the Syrian president via such a delegation," Landau added. "He is not acting like a leader with a national duty but like an angel fishing around in murky waters."

Deputy defense minister Shalom, answering for the government, called the delegation "scandalous" and "extremist" and accused them of giving in to the Syrian definition of them as "Arabs from 1948."

Although it was added to the agenda only at the last minute, the debate in the special Knesset session on the visit by Arab Israelis to Syria

turned into the main focus of the discussion. Originally the agenda called for discussion of opposition claims that the peace process has collapsed and coalition complaints against Labor for incitement.

Barak justified his step, saying the letter he sent called for a resumption of peace talks.

But Labor MKs were critical of some Arab delegates to Syria and issued a statement from a faction meeting alleging that they had "harmed the solidarity that they are obliged to as Israeli citizens."

MK Ephraim Sneh said that the visit had done more harm than good.

Third Way whip Yehuda Harel said he was "shocked by the complete solidarity the Israeli Arab delegation showed with Assad, the Syrian Ba'ath regime and the terror organizations there."

The AP adds: Israel's ambassador to Washington warned yesterday that Syria, armed with 600 to 700 missiles, including probably about 150 updated Scuds, is preparing for war even as it declares it is ready for peace talks.

## Official suspended for false clocking

By JUDY SIEGEL

The Health Ministry yesterday suspended the director of its computer branch for allegedly clocking in his boss for hundreds of work hours worth tens of thousands of shekels when she wasn't present.

The ministry spokesman said that Meir Handelsman was asked to resign immediately. When he refused, the director-general, Prof. Gabi Barabash suspended him and threatened to file a complaint to the Civil Service Commission.

Handelsman is suspected of clocking the card for his bureau

chief, Dalia Antebbe, many times when she wasn't on the job, or was even on vacation, over a period of two to four years, the daily Haaretz said.

A complaint was also expected to be filed against Antebbe. Ha'aretz quoted "senior staffers" as claiming that the ministry was trying to cover up the story.

It said that Antebbe received tens of thousands of shekels for the falsely clocked hours, which colleagues in the computer branch allegedly knew about.

Handelsman refused comment. Antebbe was quoted as denying the charges.

## Labor MKs retract 'beheading' comments

By LIAT COLLINS

The phrase "Off with his head!" echoed around the Knesset plenum yesterday during a debate on a Likud Party motion accusing the opposition of incitement against Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

The discussion was provoked by the comments of two Labor MKs - Ephraim Oshaya and Eitan Cabel - who both used the phrase in a meeting last week to describe what should be done to the prime minister. Cabel also said that Labor should "shoot in all directions." During the discussion yesterday, both MKs apologized for using the phrase and said they had not intended it to be incitement.

"I do not want the assassination of the prime minister," Oshaya said. "But I do want him to be in the opposition."

MK Dalia Itzik (Labor) attacked the Likud for its motion on the debate. "Someone who has a doctorate in incitement shouldn't be preaching to us about it," she said. "It was not us who dressed the prime minister in an SS officer's uniform. We weren't the first to arrive after terror attacks and dance on the blood."

She said Netanyahu continued to incite and divide the people.

"Ten measures of hypocrisy were bestowed on the world," she said, "and nine of them were bestowed on the Likud."

Likud whip Meir Sheetrit said the Labor Party is finding it difficult to accept that it is in the opposition. Sheetrit said the charges against Netanyahu "are the accusations of a frustrated opposition."

The opposition has a duty and a right to criticize the government, Sheetrit continued, but it should be pertinent criticism. He called on all MKs to avoid personal attacks.

### Ministry of Industry and Trade Tenders Committee Tender 13/97

The Ministry of Industry and Trade ("the purchaser") request/invites bids as follows:

The establishment and supply of a computerized information system (programs only) for the Investment Center

- The purchase requests/invites tenders for the establishment, supply and installation of a computerized system for the Investment Center for the administration and management of the Law for the Encouragement of Investment and all its operations performed by the Investment Center.
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  - Must be a legal business.
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    - In the four years prior to submitting this bid, managed and was responsible for the operating of by itself or as a chief contractor, of at least two computer information systems whose scope was similar or larger than the scope of the future system requested for the Investment Center.
    - The total number of professional workers employed full time by the bidder, involved in the management of the project, its operation and the development of the management information system shall be at least 30.
    - Proven experience of the supplier and workers employed by it, in the development of the system, on the basis of data requested on the basis of client/server.
- The bidder must submit the following documents with his bid:
  - A bank guarantee in favor of the Ministry of Industry and Trade to the value of NIS 500,000 to ensure that the bidder carries out the terms of the tender. The expiry date of the bank guarantee will be 27.1.98 and the terms will comply with the documents of the tender. The purchaser will be entitled to extend the expiry date an additional 3 months as long as no contract has been signed with the winning supplier, and the bidder undertakes to extend the expiry 7 days of being informed that he has been awarded the contract and/or no guarantee is given for performing the contract. Bids submitted without guarantees are invalid.
- Inbal Insurance Company Ltd. acts as an extension of the purchaser as regards development and maintenance of computer information systems. The representative of the purchaser for submitting this tender, who is responsible for all queries is Mrs. Mira Sadeli, manager of information systems, Inbal Insurance Company. Fax: 03-753 3887, Tel.: 03-753 3888/805.
- Tender applications will be coordinated by Mrs. Malcah Schultz until 9.9.97 at 10:00 at tel. 02-622 0428. Application forms can be obtained from the offices of the Ministry of Industry and Trade, 30 Agron, Jerusalem, room 128, upon payment of NIS 750 at the postal bank, in favor of tender no. 13/97. The above amount is not refundable (Bidders who paid for the specification of tender 7/97 are exempt from this payment).
- A meeting of suppliers will be held at the Ministry of Industry and Trade, 30 Agron, Jerusalem, 2nd floor, room 231, on 7 Elul 5757 (9.9.97), at 10:00 a.m. Attendance is compulsory for all suppliers wishing to take part in the tender. A protocol of the meeting will be sent to all suppliers requesting a copy, who paid for the tender documents and attended the meeting.
- The bid must be submitted in a sealed envelope stating the tender number (13/97) and placed in the tender mailbox at the head office, 30 Agron, Jerusalem, room 22, no later than 27 Tishrei, 5758 (28.10.97), until 3:00 p.m.
- The purchaser is not obliged to accept the lowest or any tender offer, in full or in part.
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# Arutz 7 suspected of violating law

Jerusalem Post Staff

Arutz 7, the settlers' radio station, is to be investigated for suspected violations of the Second Television and Radio Authority Law and wireless broadcasting regulations, Justice Ministry spokeswoman Etti Eshed announced yesterday.

She said the decision, which followed months of consultations with the attorney-general and the State Attorney's Office, was made some time ago, but announcement was delayed until after Tisha Be'av out of consideration for the public's sensitivities.

The decision, she noted, followed complaints to the police, that the station is broadcasting from areas under Israeli sovereignty and using several frequencies which violate the legal and financial rights of the Second Television and Radio Authority, which paid significant sums for their use.

Arutz 7, Eshed said, has been found to be broadcasting from Judea and Samaria and from inside Israel's territorial waters.

The investigation is part of a general crackdown on pirate radio stations. It is motivated in part by a fear that the continued use by these stations of frequencies designated for aircraft could lead to a disaster. There have already been several near accidents at Ben-Gurion Airport because pirate radio stations were broadcasting on frequencies used by the control tower to communicate with aircraft.

Eshed said that investigations following these incidents have led to the issuance of indictments against some 30 individuals associated with pirate stations in the Lod-Ramle area.

The attorney-general, she said, has also instructed all government offices and agencies to immediately cease all advertising on Arutz 7.

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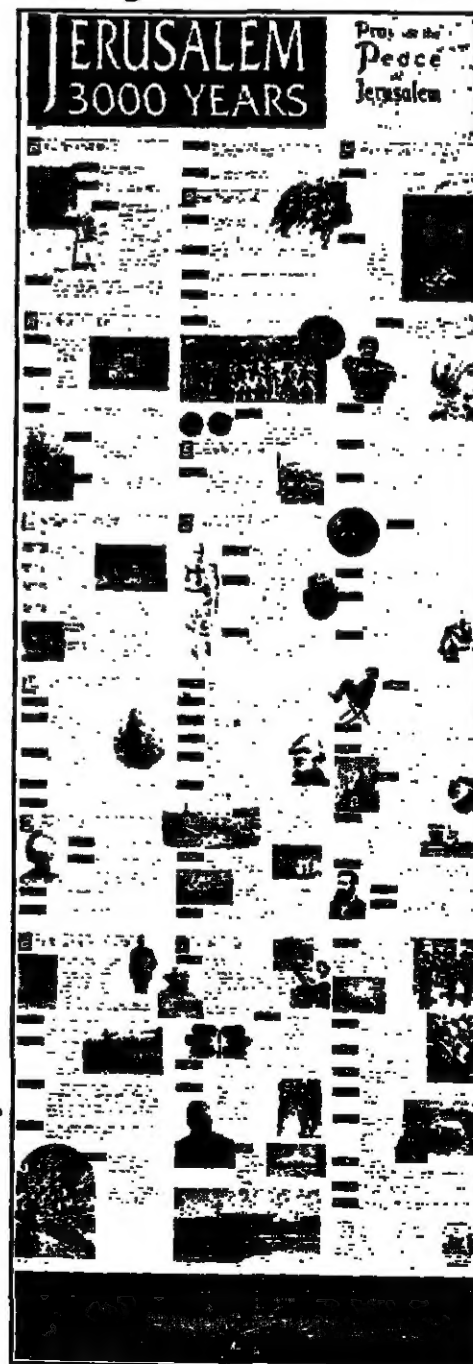
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## Five may be charged in Paz case

The police have recommended that attorneys Dan Avi-Yitzhak, Ram Caspi, Zvi Agmon, and Yehoshua Rosenzweig and Lieberman group chairman Zadik Bino be indicted for obstructing justice, fraud, and frustrating an attachment. Bino may also be charged with perjury. The Lieberman group is suspected of having paid Bogoslav Bagshik and Andrei Gunshirovsky \$96 million for half of Paz, while reporting only \$80 million to the court. An investigation was launched following exposure of the affair in *Globes* last July. *Globes*

## Matza, Neeman discuss health system crisis

Health Minister Yehoshua Matza and Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman and their directors-general met yesterday to continue discussions of ways to find a solution to the budget crisis in the health system. Matza complained of "foodragging" in the Treasury, and argued that any more wasted time would delay the implementation of reforms. The two agreed to speed up the deliberations, with Matza calling for them to be finalized by the end of next week. It was decided to begin discussions of the Health Ministry budget as soon as the framework for the total budget is set. *Judy Siegel*

## Antiquities Authority: Some graves survived

The Antiquities Authority said yesterday that some graves from the Roman period have survived a razing by bulldozers paving Highway No. 1 near Pisgat Ze'ev. Jerusalem area archaeologist Gideon Avni said that a cessation of work order issued last week when part of the graveyard was destroyed, would stand until the authority notified otherwise in writing. The authority accused Moriah Company bulldozers of deliberately wrecking the site last week by going ahead with digging, despite warnings that artifacts dating to the Second Temple period were detected in the area. *Itim*

## Body of missing man found

The body of Reuven Bazov, 73, of Ashdod, who had gone missing on Saturday night, was discovered at a youth farm in the city's industrial area yesterday. Family members said Bazov was senile and would occasionally forget his way home. Police said he died of natural causes. *Itim*

## Eitan, EU envoy discuss science cooperation

Science Minister Michael Eitan and EU Ambassador Jean Paul Jesse yesterday discussed increasing scientific cooperation and Israel's joining the fifth research and development program that the EU will open at the end of 1998. The budget of the entire project will be \$20 billion. Commenting on hesitation by some academics and industrialists on the benefits of joining the project, Eitan said that this may be so on the short term, but being a partner in the long term is a strategic decision that will have momentous effects on the local economy, as well as political influence. *Judy Siegel*

## High-tech firms to 'adopt' schools

Seven schools have been chosen by the Education Ministry to take part in a special project, starting September 1, in which high-tech companies will "adopt" schools. The idea is for pupils, "especially the girls," to be exposed to the possibilities of future advancement in the world of high technology. The parents will also be integrated into the program, and graduates of high-tech curricula will be eligible for the technical services of the IDF, the ministry said. *Judy Siegel*

By BATSHEVA TSUR

State Attorney Edna Arbel is looking into whether the agreement drawn up between the IDF and the prisoners in Military Prison No. 6 last week is binding. OC Manpower Maj.-Gen. Gideon Sheffer, who said immediately after the hostage-taking incident was resolved, that there was no intention of keeping an agreement "which was signed while we had a knife at our throats," yesterday came under strong criticism from the Knesset's State Control Committee for the remark.

"You have to keep the agreement, otherwise the credibility of the authorities will suffer severely. This is not a mere legal matter. It is an educational and moral matter of the first degree and it has implications for similar situations in the future," committee chairman Yossi Katz (Labor) said. "Will you take responsibility?" he asked Sheffer.

"I am not here to be interrogated," Sheffer replied, refusing to commit himself.

Katz then asked whether the army had signed the agreement with the explicit intention of breaking it.

"We knew that there are instances when such agreements [made under duress] have not been upheld, but this was not our intention when we signed," replied Col. Yossi Telraz, deputy judge advocate-general.

He said that the IDF's legal authorities have been in touch with the state attorney over the matter. "The overriding consideration was to save lives," he said.

Aviezer Ya'ari, deputy director-general of the State



Martin Givon, an alleged ringleader of the rioting at Military Prison No. 6, appears in Jaffa Military Court yesterday. (Dana Steiner/Israel Sun)

Comptroller's Office, said that the comptroller's investigation into military prisons had revealed a "sad state of affairs."

He said that there is overcrowding and that "in a considerable percentage of cases," soldiers

are detained far too long before being remanded.

The IDF is trying to reach a situation in which remand hearings will be held within 48 hours, the officers replied.

OC Military Police Brig.-Gen.

Niram Goldbroom said that 27,000 soldiers were detained every year - 74 percent of them for disciplinary offenses. He added that the jails are currently undergoing extensive refurbishment to bring them up to the stan-

dards of modern prisons.

The Military Police also did not come up with a clean record in the eyes of the comptroller, Ya'ari noted, noting that many complaints had been found to be justified.

## Telephone, Cellcom introduce new cell phone packages

By JUDY SIEGEL

If you're in the market for a cellular phone and are not confused enough by the various offers, consider Cellcom's new "Talkman" program - introduced 24 hours after Telephone came out with its "Talk Mango" offer.

Cellcom vice president for marketing, Oren Most, charged Telephone with "stealing" the name of Cellcom's offer after Cellcom unveiled it before its own agents on Sunday. In fact,

Telephone issued its announcement of Talk Mango in a one-page fax to reporters on Sunday morning, while Cellcom informed reporters yesterday with printed package covers and full-color booklets delivered by messenger.

Talkman is an innovation based on one aspect of the Mango: one does not pay monthly service fees, but pays only for those calls made over the cellular phone. But it is nevertheless very different. Most said. One buys a Nokia 2120 plus phone for NIS 1,099 or an Ericsson DH 318 for NIS 699. Then you can call anywhere by "filling" the phone electronically with a pre-paid Talkman card (sold at Cellcom outlets in NIS 50, NIS 100 or NIS 200 denominations). For initial use, merely

scratch the card to find a code number, which is entered into the phone, and you can make as many calls as you want until the money runs out. If the phone "empties" and a new card code is not keyed in for 60 days, no incoming or outgoing calls will be allowed, except for calls to emergency numbers.

Meanwhile, Telephone - which invented the Mango (a simple phone with no monthly phone charges; instead calls are billed to your home or office phone via a Bezeqcard) - has introduced Talk Mango. One buys the Mango for only NIS 399, including VAT, and get an immediate Telephone line with a 50% discount on Bezeqcard rates, but only through November 15.

## Casino agent accused of hiding income

Yosef Raz, an agent who took gamblers to casinos in Turkey, was released on more than NIS 2 million bail yesterday by Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court, after being accused of failing to report millions of shekels in income over a three-year period.

Chief Inspector Baruch Yitzhaki, of the income tax authority, said that checks amounting to more than NIS 20m. were deposited in Raz's former wife's account between 1993 and 1996.

Raz's attorney, Uri Itam, said his client would have trouble coming up with the bond money.

Yitzhaki replied that the authorities have found that Raz owns a large home in Mazkeret Batya, while his former wife owns two luxury automobiles.

Judge George Kara said it seemed the suspect "isn't quite as destitute as his attorney would have it."

Kara also alleged that Raz and Itam had given conflicting accounts of where the money came from. Kara claimed that the money was paid by gamblers to cover the costs of their excursions to casinos in Turkey, while his attorney said it belonged to Raz's dead brother. (Itim)

## Claims Conference, Germany to discuss compensation

By MARILYN HENRY and news agencies

The Claims Conference and German officials will resume talks next week in Bonn on expanding compensation for Holocaust survivors and, for the first time, a representative of Eastern European Jewry is expected to take part.

Alexander Bergmann, of Riga, spokesman for the former ghetto and camp prisoners of Latvia, will represent the Eastern Europeans in the delegation from the Claims Conference, sources said.

Bergmann's place at the table is expected to elevate the priority given to Eastern European survivors, who have not received compensation from Bonn.

It also would mollify Eastern Europeans who have complained that they have not been represented in the Claims Conference.

Germany has paid more than DM 100 billion to survivors in the West, but those in the Soviet bloc have been ineligible for direct reparations. In the last 18 months, there has been increasing pressure on the German government to extend compensation to them.

Next week's negotiating teams will be led by Kohl's chief of staff, Friedrich Bohl, and Israel Singer, secretary general of the World Jewish Congress, which is one of the two dozen members of the Claims Conference.

starting Tuesday, will accelerate progress. "The federal government aims to complete these talks soon after summer break and then initiate the necessary decisions," spokesman Herbert Schmuelling said.

"If we talk about this another two years, most of the survivors will have died," the head of Germany's Jewish community, Ignatz Bubis, said in an interview published in yesterday's editions of Berlin's *Der Tagesspiegel*.

Estimates of the number of Holocaust survivors in Eastern Europe range from 15,000 to 40,000. In Latvia, for example, there are 84 survivors; five years ago, there were 182.

In the Bundestag, members of the Greens Party have repeatedly and unsuccessfully pressed for legislation to compensate the survivors in the east.

Eighty-three members of the US Congress recently appealed to Kohl to find a solution to "this last, forgotten group of Holocaust survivors," and the American Jewish Committee has run advertisements in major American newspapers assailing Germany's failure to compensate survivors in the east.

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## Yishai: I won't approve permits for more foreign workers

Labor and Social Affairs Minister Eli Yishai said yesterday he would not approve more permits for foreign construction workers because the closure of the West Bank and Gaza Strip was temporary.

Yishai spoke before the Knesset Labor Committee after defense and welfare officials argued strongly against requests from the Housing Ministry and contractors to permit them to import more laborers.

"The closure is temporary," Yishai said. "I will not approve bringing in more foreign workers for the construction industry, because in the long term this will cause greater damage to Israel."

Yishai also accused contractors of not employing enough Israelis. Col. Dov Tzalka, who is responsible for coordination and communication at the Erez checkpoint, told the committee it was better to hire Palestinians than foreign workers.

"It is preferable to have a Palestinian neighbor nearby who is satisfied than a Filipino who lives far away," Tzadke said.

He asserted that if more Palestinians were working, there would be less unrest in the West Bank and Gaza and fewer threats to Israel.

"When the financial situation in the areas under the Palestinian Authority's control improves, the PA will not be able to recruit the masses to act against Israel. You saw in the past few days how easy it is for the PA to organize giant protests when a closure is imposed," Tzadke said.

Housing officials said the two-week old closure had created serious problems for builders. Contractors alleged that the government hadn't carried out promises to administer permits for 74,000 more foreign construction workers. (Itim)



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2) The agreements must be such as to enable the supplier to fulfill tender requirements.  
D. Participation in explanatory meetings which will take place on 26/8/1997 at Hall No. 2, Administration Building, Port of Ashdod.  
E. A Bank Guarantee for the offer, in the amount of 10% of the amount of the offer, not including VAT. The amount of the guarantee will be linked to the Israeli Consumer Price Index, General Index, which is known as of the last date for the submission of the offer and valid for a period of 180 days from the last day of the submission of the bid.  
The bidders should be aware that failure to supply the required bank guarantee in the sealed envelope containing the offer will disqualify the offer of the supplier.
- The PRA shall enter into an agreement with a supplier which is a single entity which itself meets the requirements as set out in the Tender Documentation OR the PRA shall enter into an agreement which such a supplier which has entered into binding agreements with other entities as "sub-suppliers" of that single entity, which demonstrates that the sub-suppliers, by themselves and/or with another supplier, have met the requirements set out in the Tender Documentation. It is specifically noted that sub-suppliers may enter into conditional agreements with more than one potential supplier for the purposes of the Tender.
- The tender documents may be obtained at the construction department at the head office, 74 Petah Tikva Road, Tel Aviv, 12th floor, room 1221, beginning from 20/8/1997, against payment of NIS 10,000 plus VAT (non-refundable).  
Additional details can be obtained by telephone: 03-565 7018.
- Suppliers interested in participating in the tender will submit their written offer, in Hebrew, including all required documents in a sealed envelope not later than 29/9/1997 at 2:00 p.m., to the tender box at the head office, 74 Petah Tikva Road, Tel Aviv, 6th floor.  
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# China president previews summit with Clinton

BEIJING (Reuters) — China's President Jiang Zemin expects his upcoming summit with President Clinton next month to herald healthy cross-Pacific ties into the 21st century, state media said yesterday.

"We should ascend the heights and be farsighted, and proceed from a strategic level in mastering the general situation of relations between the two countries," Jiang was quoted as telling US National Security Adviser Sandy Berger in a meeting Tuesday.

"We should strive to expand common ground, enhance trust, diminish differences, and join hands to create the future," Jiang said in the talks at the seaside resort of Beidaihe, where China's leaders are gathered to set policy before a crucial Communist Party congress.

Berger was to leave yesterday, after four days in China laying the groundwork for Jiang's state visit to the US in late October that is seen as setting the seal on a recent warming in long-fraught Sino-US ties.

Referring to the summit, Jiang said: "I expect to discuss significant issues about developing Sino-US relations with President Clinton and join hands with him to bring a long-term, stable, and healthy relationship of cooperation to the 21st century."

Diplomats say Jiang wants to avoid any hiccup in troubled ties before the visit that he sees as crowning his foreign policy.

China and the US have squabbled over a range of issues in the past two years, including Beijing's

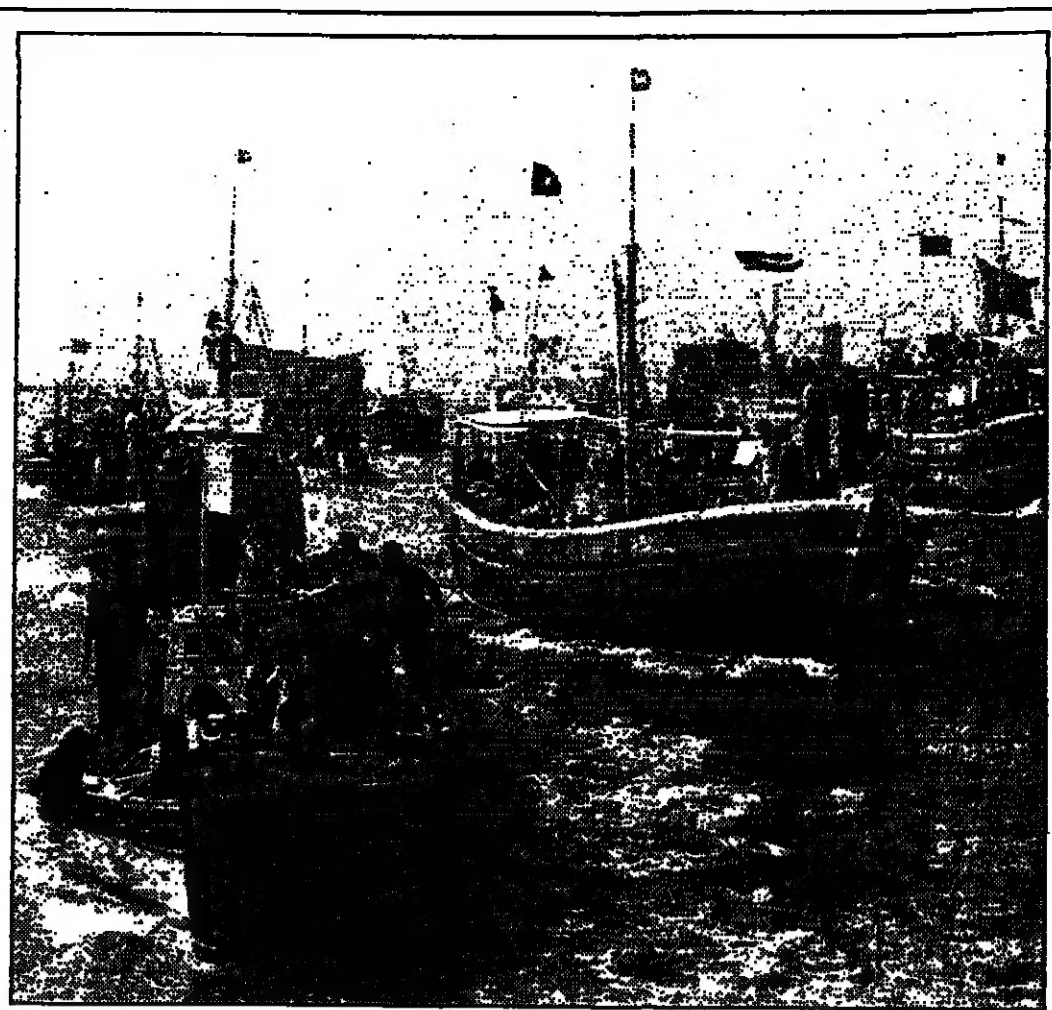
rival Taipei, human rights abuses, trade, and nuclear proliferation, but ties have warmed substantially in recent months.

Such summits were the best way to narrow such differences, the Xinhua news agency quoted Jiang as saying. He said the two sides should regard differences as natural between nations with such differing social systems, ideologies, and levels of development, and urged more communication to sort out disagreements.

"In doing so, direct, face-to-face dialogues and exchanges between the two countries' leaders are especially important," Jiang said. These contacts cannot be replaced by any other modern means of communication.

Jiang told Berger that his meeting with Clinton at an Asia-Pacific Economic Conference (APEC) forum last November in Manila had marked a hard-won turning point in ties. "This situation is the result of joint efforts made by the two sides. It has been painstakingly achieved and should be treasured," Jiang said.

Jiang's meeting with Clinton will be the first state visit to the US by a Chinese president since the Chinese army crushed student-led pro-democracy demonstrations centered on Beijing's Tiananmen Square on June 3-4, 1989. US officials have declined to give details of Berger's talks, but said in Washington that the main goal of his trip was to discuss preparations for Jiang's state visit.



50 years of independence

Pakistani fishermen on their boats in Karachi port yesterday, on the eve of Pakistan's 50th Independence Day. Some 50 boats took part in the rally.

## Ex-chief bodyguard's memoirs take aim at Yeltsin

By VANORA BENNETT

MOSCOW (Los Angeles Times) — If revenge is a dish best eaten cold, then Alexander Kozhakov, the hard-liner President Boris Yeltsin sacked as his chief bodyguard last summer, is hoping for a feast this week.

The former KGB general published a book of memoirs yesterday about his 11 years as Yeltsin's most faithful servant. Extracts published in the Russian media portray Yeltsin as an alcoholic lord of misrule, and his reign as a confused lurch from one vodka-soaked crisis to the next.

"I think the public should know about the people who rule them," said the smiling, round-faced Kozhakov at a Tuesday media launch for the 500-page work, *Boris Yeltsin: From Dawn to Sunset*.

Once feared as the most powerful man in Russia after Yeltsin, Kozhakov now openly wishes the president ill. Kozhakov knows more Kremlin secrets than most and, as a member of parliament, also has immunity from prosecution.

Whether his book will have the sensational impact he apparently wants, on a people bored by public squabbling and scandal mongering among politicians for whom they have scant respect anyway, remains to be seen.

Earlier attempts to punish the president for humiliating him have gone nowhere. Last spring, Kozhakov sued Yeltsin for slander, but lost his case. He subsequently alleged, in an interview with the British newspaper *The Guardian*, that Yeltsin had twice tried to kill himself.

Yeltsin denied it. On Tuesday, Kozhakov was evasive about whether he had written this book as an act of revenge, saying he needed to earn money because his pension payments have stopped.

He was more explicit about threats he said have come his way from the president's immediate circle. Yeltsin's family and current aides offered him \$5 million not to publish the book, he alleged, and he said Yeltsin himself had ordered the head of the secret police, Nikolai Kovalov, to stop publication.

Yeltsin's press officials could not be reached to comment on those allegations, but Natalia Konstantinova, who until recently was a spokeswoman for the president's wife and daughter, said she doubted the Yeltsin family would personally have tried to buy off Kozhakov.

"Perhaps some people would like to sue me," Kozhakov said Tuesday. "But I promise that any such trial would not be closed, and that I would say everything I want to openly."

The advance excerpts of Kozhakov's book, which will have a print run of 150,000, do shed some light on some of Yeltsin's quirkier behavior. For example, he recounts the president's notorious 1994 failure to leave his plane at Ireland's Shannon Airport to meet the Irish prime minister, but says the episode was not, as was widely suspected at the time, the result of too much drinking. Rather, according to Kozhakov, Yeltsin passed out in the plane with a suspected heart attack.

Mostly, however, the book is court scuttlery: Servants being ordered by the president to ignore doctors' orders and buy him vodka; Kozhakov diluting the vodka with water; or Yeltsin embarrassing his companions by guzzling vast quantities of wine at state banquets.

During an August 1994 state visit to Germany, the book says, an already drunk Yeltsin had lunch with Chancellor Helmut Kohl and "drank so much red wine that the German waiter could hardly keep up." He talked absolute nonsense and gesticulated wildly, while I sat opposite him dying of shame," Kozhakov wrote in an excerpt quoted by London's *Sunday Times*.

The first public reactions have been scornful. "After reading this text, you want to wash your hands or even take a shower," said the irreverent monthly *Top Secret*, one of three Russian publications to gain access to parts of the book before publication.

"What doesn't fit here is the author's endless outpourings of self-glorification, his insistence that he is a Russian patriot who thinks day and night about the fate of his country... A Russian patriot shouldn't say all these disgusting things about the leader of the state."

### Column One

## The beacon shining in the Balkan gloom

By Thomas O'Dwyer

Serbs. Croats. Bosnians. Albanians — the Balkans, seething with gun-backed hatreds. If they all won exactly what they want, said the journalist P.J. O'Rourke, "at the end of the day they would still have nothing but Yugoslavia."

Not quite all. There were some good guys in the Balkan swamplands. They got Slovenia.

Good girls go to heaven — bad girls go everywhere. Slovenia has been quietly building a heavenly little haven in its corner of the former Yugoslavia and getting very little credit for it. The others have been tearing one another apart and getting all the headlines, peacekeepers, and reconstruction plans.

True, they also have been earning international contempt. By the same token, Slovenia should have won much international love. Instead, good news is no news, and Slovenia is one of those places most foreigners can't quite place — and if they do, they probably call it Slovakia.

Slovenes have lived in their present territory for at least 1,400 years. The cozy little capital of Ljubljana was founded, in legend, by the Argonauts 35 centuries ago. Even so, today the people number less than two million. Including emigrants would raise that to less than 2.5 million.

### Outgunned

It is high time this beautiful, ethnically and religiously calm little country got from its European neighbors the credit — and rewards — it deserves. Slovenia is a tourist paradise where few tourists go because of its unfair proximity to its warring neighbors. Along the 40 km. of Adriatic coast, fishing villages slumber. North of them the Julian Alps brood under snowy brows. In the east, lazy farms meander down to the Hungarian flatlands.

Slovenia broke away from the crumbling federation to its south in 1991. Though badly outgunned and outnumbered, it defeated the Yugoslav People's Army in a brief war with few casualties, and established a tranquil and evolving democracy. It has the only successful economy in that cursed region, and its citizens enjoy a respectable per capita income of around \$10,000 — not bad for a small former province of a poor Communist state. For rank opposites — doing it right, and doing it wrong — there is no better comparison than Slovenia and Albania.

Slovenia finally got its name in the headlines last month as one of the aspirants seeking to join NATO. It even beat out the Middle East by getting a visit from the new Washington star, Madeleine Albright. It didn't make it into NATO yet — but should consider that no great loss.

### Losing NATO

"It has been exciting," said Ernest Petric, Slovenia's ambassador in Washington. "I started from zero. Imagine six years ago, I had no country. It's a long way."

"Over here," he added with a grin, "they argue over who lost China or Iran. In Slovenia, we'll just have to argue over who lost NATO."

However, Slovenia does deserve the serious vocal and active support of all Europeans — especially the other smaller democracies — for its much more important ambition of joining the European Union. It has the economic and democratic strength to join.

As a fragile Alpine flower on the edge of the Balkan quagmires, it needs to be snatched to the safety of the union.

Its sinister neighbor Croatia, with the elected dictator and strangled media, also wants to join Europe. Franjo Tudjman's Croatia shines a light on why Slovenia qualifies in a different league entirely.

Take the speech by Slovenia's President Milan Kucan for the country's sixth independence anniversary in June. It wasn't the sort of speech one might hear from the Tudjman or Milosevics of the Balkans — for a simple reason.

Somewhere around the second paragraph, Kucan said the anniversary was an opportunity for a hard, critical look at how far Slovenia has come, and how it should now proceed. "Events at home and abroad demand serious assessment, not just as routine, but as a careful self-examination for ourselves."

### Vision thing

Kucan made no bones about elaborating. "Above all, we need to consider if we are still creating the future in Slovenia — a bold vision of the future... Or, instead of producing the future, has our society entered a period of stagnation and harping back to the past?"

"Have we exhausted our development momentum, which was first fired by the vision of independence? Has it begun to be replaced by small-mindedness, uncertainty, and restlessness, fear for one's own existence, fear for a secure future?"

"Is this because economic growth is slowing, because there is unemployment, poverty, and marginalization, lack of prospects for our young people? Is there a fragile legal security and violations of human rights, a crisis in the justice system, insufficient responsibility for the country and for our national interests?"

One thing is certain. When a little country yanks success, peace, and progress out of the chaos all around it, and its president can ask hard questions of the nation and himself on its sixth birthday, it already is a powerful democracy worthy of respect and support.

If anyone still doubts it, cast another eye over the newscasts from Bosnia, Serbia, Croatia, and Albania.

Slovenia already belongs to the family of civilized European nations. The EU should speed up the process to make it official.

## Serb war criminal appeals sentence

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — Judges who jailed a Bosnian Serb war criminal for 20 years for killing and torturing Muslims and Croats failed to recognize his "relative unimportance," lawyers claimed in an appeal of the sentence.

The Yugoslav war crimes tribunal yesterday released a summary of the appeal, filed Saturday by attorneys for Bosnian Serb Dusan Tadic.

Tadic was sentenced July 14 to 20 years in prison for taking part in a brutal Serb-led purge of Croats and Muslims in the northwest Bosnian region of Prijedor in 1992.

He has already appealed his conviction. No date has been set for the either conviction or sentence appeal hearings.

According to the sentence

appeal, judges "failed to take sufficient account of the relative unimportance of the accused in... Prijedor." Tadic's lawyers want the UN court's five-judge appeal chamber to "reverse or revise" the sentence.

Tadic, widely regarded as a minor player in the Prijedor campaign, had no military rank. But he regularly visited three Serb-run detention camps to beat and torture prisoners. He was also convicted in the slayings of two Muslims.

Tadic was the first suspect convicted and sentenced by the tribunal after a full trial. He was convicted in May, a year after his trial began.

The court has publicly indicted 77 suspects and also has a secret list of suspects. Just 10 are in custody in The Hague.

## Two German soldiers kicked out of army for anti-foreigner arson

BONN (AP) — Two German soldiers arrested in an arson attack on a building housing Italian construction workers were discharged from the army yesterday, the Defense Ministry said.

The soldiers, who told police they acted out of hatred of foreigners, are in investigative cus-

tody and face arson charges.

No one was inside when the soldiers set the building in Dresden on fire late Friday. They were arrested on Sunday.

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## Rewarding intransigence

It is said that absolute power corrupts absolutely; what is stranger is that such power should also be an aphrodisiac. Labor MK Salah Tarif's declaration that he had "fallen in love" with Syrian President Hafez Assad recalls the warm feelings expressed by visitors toward almost every dictator in recent history, most famously the Americans who dubbed Soviet dictator Joseph Stalin "Uncle Joe."

The tendency of outsiders, when summoned before even the most brutal dictators, to discover them — again in the words of Tarif — "open, warm, friendly, and ready for peace" is probably best left to the realm of psychology rather than diplomatic analysis. The phenomenon, however, does appear at the level of international affairs in the form of the lowered standards of acceptable behavior that are applied to dictators.

If Israel, or any democracy, refused to recognize the right of a neighboring country to exist, was actively fueling a simmering guerrilla war, and harboring at least half a dozen terrorist groups, no other country would take seriously its interest in peace — and rightly so. Yet instead of becoming pariahs, subject to almost unanimous condemnation and isolation in the international community, such nations often enjoy a perverse sort of affirmative action: Any normal definitions of a peace-loving nation are thrown out the window, and even the most transparent rhetorical facade is cited as evidence of good intentions.

Assad is one of the world's most masterful players of this game. He has reached the point at which even the most insignificant gesture, such as shifting the headquarters of terrorist groups out of Damascus, would almost be regarded as grounds for the Nobel Peace Prize.

In fact, it is far from clear whether Syria is interested in peace with Israel on almost any terms. Even if it is assumed agreement can be reached on the Golan Heights, the question of Lebanon remains critical for both parties.

Syria may well regard its occupation of Lebanon as more important than reclaiming the

Golan. Israel would require that any peace with Syria also resolve the situation on the Lebanese border and allow it to withdraw from the security zone. If Israel withdraws, however, Syria's excuse for its stranglehold over Lebanon would begin to evaporate.

There is also the more basic matter, common to dictatorships: Often they need an external enemy to justify whatever control, privations, and military might the regime imposes on the people. Assad no doubt asks himself whether the gain of a small piece of territory is worth undermining an important pillar of his regime.

Given all of these considerations, the attention paid to the nuances of Israel's position is exaggerated. Former prime minister Yitzhak Rabin's formula linking "the depth of withdrawal with the depth of peace," which has been adopted by Ehud Barak, the Labor Party's new leader, is now being compared with a parallel linkage of territorial withdrawal and security arrangements attributed to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

The two formulas reflect more of a difference in emphasis than a substantial change in policy. Both Barak and Netanyahu would have to be satisfied by both the depth of the peace and the sufficiency of security arrangements before agreeing to any withdrawal on the Golan. But all of this is academic as long as Syria refuses even to negotiate.

While it is true that Netanyahu provided a gratuitous propaganda godsend to Assad by voting to require a majority of 80 votes for any concession on the Golan, it is the Syrian refusal to negotiate that continues to loom large over any prospect for peace. For years, Assad has enjoyed membership in the exclusive club of leaders considered part of the peace process, without demonstrating any real interest in peace. When Syria was at the negotiating table, that might have made sense; as long as Syria refuses even to negotiate, continuing to award such status to Syria rewards intransigence and is itself the main obstacle to any hope for peace.



## Parliamentarians from a nonexistent country

The controversy excited by the conduct of the Israeli Arab delegation to Syria was relatively minor. By comparison, when a haredi minor burns an Israeli flag the ensuing media fire storm is good for at least a week.

Still, the delegation's antics created unease even amongst the professional democrats on the Israeli Left. They, like the rest of us, were treated to the spectacle of Israeli-Arab Knesset members fawning on the Syrian dictatorship.

This delegation's obsequious manner recalled the reverential delegations which made pilgrimages to the Soviet bloc during the Cold War. The Israeli-Arab Knesset members were introduced as parliamentarians from a nonexistent country who represented the Arabs of 1948. Assad's guests saw no reason to correct this ambiguity, but on other matters their message was quite distinct.

MK Abdul Wahab Darawshe (Democratic Arab Party) assured cheering throngs in the Yarmouk refugee camp outside Damascus that they would return to Palestine, without delving into the obvious implications of such a return.

Abdul Malik Dahamshe (Democratic Arab Party) promised no less than a Syrian-Palestinian jihad (on his return he will probably emulate Arafat and say he meant a peaceful jihad). In the seamless transition from Palestinian nationalism to pan-Arabism, Dahamshe referred to Palestine and Syria as inseparable. Israel, of course, has no future in Assad or Dahamshe's vision of a Greater Syria.

This was too much even for the Israeli Left. Ha'aretz disapproved and Meretz head Yossi Sarid said he was confident that the antics of Darawshe and Dahamshe would arouse major dissatisfaction among Israeli Arabs. Sarid should speak for himself. Darawshe, who started as a Labor MK, is a seasoned politician who knows what is good for him electorally. He has strengthened his

### AMIEL UNGAR

Democratic Arab Party precisely by stressing a strident Palestinian nationalism. Darawshe and company have not been criticized for their allusions to Israel's demise.

Given the intra-Arab conflict between Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat and Syrian President Hafez Assad, the delegation may have tilted too much towards Assad. Arafat's acolytes believe that Israeli Arabs should take their cues from Gaza

land grabs and illegal construction. Furthermore, a mini right of return already has been activated via scores of fictitious marriages between Israeli Arabs and residents of the territories. Irrespective of the marriages' duration, both partners retain Israeli citizenship.

How does one combat this deterioration? In a number of ways. Darawshe, Dahamshe and others who are prepared to plot the destruction of the state of Israel by jihad or merely by swamping it with millions of implacable Arabs, should be treated as parliamentary lepers unfit for blocking majorities, no-confidence votes, etc. Israel's Arab citizens must be made aware that their only legitimate and effective gateway for exercising political influence lies with political parties whose loyalty to the state of Israel is unimpeachable.

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rather than from Damascus. Nobody suggested that they should be paying heed to Jerusalem.

This situation is not new, but it was seriously aggravated by the previous Labor-Meretz government. Arab politicians were emboldened by their position as part of the Left's blocking majority, which enabled the Rabin-Peres government to force through the Oslo accords.

Oslo in turn created the reality of a contiguous and armed Palestinian entity and the dormant fantasies harbored by many Israeli Arabs were upgraded into tantalizing possibilities.

Israel was no longer an oppressive but unbudgeable colossus that had to be grudgingly accommodated. The Zionist entity had lost its self-confidence and was proving impotent in the face of

This requires a reversion to the old electoral system, which allowed the major parties to choose their coalition bedfellows. The direct election scheme, which was meant to marginalize the small parties, makes their support essential in a head-to-head showdown. Darawshe's so-called Democratic Arab Party or Dahamshe's Islamists can be excluded from a coalition; their voters cannot be excluded from a head count in a direct election.

Perhaps the most important safeguard against the blackmail potential of liquidationist Arab parties is to restore a modicum of consensus amongst the Jewish majority. This is the lesson of Tisha Be'av, which we observed two days ago.

Without the fratricidal infighting, the initial Roman intervention would not have been solicited by one of the antagonists. If Jews can maintain a semblance of unity, the Darawshe and Dahamshe can be kept beyond the pale of the Israeli political system, which is precisely where they belong.

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## Red lines

LARRY DERFNER

Just about everybody in the Israeli Arab town of Baka al-Gharbiya would like to split off from Israel and join up with Palestine, a local businessman says.

The town has no sewage system, its "industrial zone" doesn't have a paved road, the people have been shortchanged by Israel in a thousand ways over the years, so they're ready to switch sides, he says.

East of Hadera, Baka al-Gharbiya lies smack up against the Green Line. What would it take to give the people what they want? A tiny border adjustment.

Why shouldn't they have self-determination, just like their Palestinian brethren in nearby Tulkarm? Do Israeli Jews know that Baka al-Gharbiya is in their country? Do they ever go there? Would they really miss it?

If Israel ever agrees on where to divide this land with the Palestinians, the day may come when at least some Israeli Arabs in Galilee and the Negev start demanding border adjustments — tiny, or even not so tiny. It's not unthinkable. From the point of view of more than a few Israeli Arabs, it's altogether natural.

Opponents of a Palestinian state, notably Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, have warned of this. A Palestinian state will be a precedent, they argue, it'll open up a can of worms, and little by little the Arabs will whittle Israel down. This is a point worth considering.

So what should supporters of a Palestinian state, who favor vast territorial concessions in Gaza, the West Bank and even Arab East Jerusalem, tell people like the businessman in Baka al-Gharbiya?

We should tell them no. Why? Because Israel didn't sign the Oslo Accords for the purpose of driving itself crazy

**Incorporating Israeli Arab towns into Palestine would just open up a can of worms**

forever. The peace process is meant to give the Palestinians justice, but not a justice that Israel can't live with — not one that leaves Israel open to endless demands for more, not a justice that is a pretext for Israel's gradual dismantling.

The Right used to warn that this would happen if we gave the Palestinians any land at all — until the IDF pulled out of Gaza, and just about every Israeli saw that it was good.

Now everyone has to draw his own red lines. If you're willing to withdraw from the small settlements next to Hebron or Nablus, why not from Gush Etzion? The Palestinians make no distinction. To them it's all equally Palestine, occupied by Israel.

If you're willing to let the Palestinians have the Arab neighborhood of, say, Jebel Mukaber in East Jerusalem, why not let them have the Jewish neighborhood of East Talpuz right next door? It's just more occupied Palestine, and you're already willing to move Jews out of it, so why stop at Jebel Mukaber?

And why draw the line at 1967? As right-wingers are fond of saying, Ramat Aviv used to be an Arab village called Sheikh Munis until 1948. Why not give the Palestinians Ramat Aviv, too?

Because that was then and this is now. The Palestinians didn't agree to a Jewish state in any part of the land in 1948 or 1967, and the upshot is that now about 300,000 Israeli Jews are living in what they call occupied Palestine.

We can't move all these Jews out. We can't move out more than a small fraction — and this only if we're willing to risk something like a civil war. To try to do more would be untenable — financially and otherwise. It would break this country, and this is not what we signed the Oslo Accords for.

And neither can we make any border adjustments with the Israeli Arabs in Galilee or the Negev — even if they have a regional majority, even if Israeli Jews don't know or care anything about their towns.

This really would open up a can of worms; it would never end. And we're in this peace process to bring an end to our problem with the Palestinians, not a new beginning. When the Oslo Accords speak of the "final status arrangement," the key word is "final."

Now about the sewage in Baka al-Gharbiya...

The writer is a journalist living in Modi'in.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### DEROGATORY ATTACK

Sir, — Jonathan Rosenblum is certainly entitled to his views ("Let everybody be happy," July 18) on conversion and what he believes it means to be Jewish.

His obvious disdain for American Jews takes an ugly twist with his reference to an American Jewish woman named "Princess," quite clearly an allusion to the unfattering and misogynist label JAP (Jewish American Princess), which many antisemites use to demean the daughters of American Jews.

As a self-proclaimed defender of the faith, Mr. Rosenblum should be ashamed of himself, though I doubt he will be. After all, as the tenor of the article suggests, Mr. Rosenblum's particularly narrow definition of who is Jewish places the vast majority of American Jews beyond the pale, leaving them open to this type of derogatory attack.

STEVEN A. COOK  
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### DISTURBING BEHAVIOR

Sir, — I wish to commend you for your excellent editorial of June 13, "One Wall — one people." The Western Wall is not the private preserve of one branch of the Jewish people, and Israel is not the private domain of one branch of the Jewish people.

The spitting, throwing of refuse and stones, shouting epithets such as goyim, Nazis, etc. is not a new occurrence. I too experienced this disgusting behavior by the haredim when worshipping with the Women of the Wall this past November on Rosh Hodesh Kislev. Then, as on Shavuot, what we found most disturbing was the behavior of the police, who made no arrests, although chairs and boards being thrown at our women could have caused serious injury, and is clearly against the law. Instead, the police forced the women to move and continue their service at the archeological park above the plaza.

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### RELIGIOUS TOLERANCE

Sir, — F. Posner's letter of July 7, "Secular Jewry," left me with mixed emotions, because it is rare to read opinions to which one is so vehemently opposed mixed with those with which one agrees so strongly.

Firstly, if Mr. Posner were to follow Derfner's writings, including those appearing in the *Baltimore Jewish Times*, with any regularity, he would see that Derfner is in fact guilty of that self-same intolerance Mr. Posner accuses "prejudiced and unknowledgeable religious Jews" of. Derfner is a member of that self-loving group of "neo-liberals" if you will, who seem to accept everyone — but only if they are exactly like him.

Secondly, I was extremely insulted and surprised by Mr. Posner's pretentious and borderline racist assumption that all religious Jews are prejudiced and intolerant. Has he never met a prejudiced or intolerant secular Jew? From a man of academia and higher education, I would expect better than such gross generalizations. I happen to be a religious Jew from a religious family and I was brought up to believe in human rights, equality, open-mindedness and acceptance of all Jews as such and of all humans, as well. In my family, these values are not only taught side by side with Judaism; my sister and I were brought up to believe that these ideal are synonymous with and an integrated part of Judaism. By what right does Mr. Posner take these values and beliefs and claim them exclusively for secular Judaism's own?

Lastly, I would like to state that at least I agree with Mr. Posner on one issue — I don't particularly care for much of what Larry Derfner writes. Certainly on the topic of Judaism, in all its forms and trends, he is no expert. He would be well-advised to research a topic before he writes about it.

RIVKA SCHMELL  
Rehovot

### APT ARTICLE

Sir, — It is with great awe that I read Aryeh Hillman's apt article of August 1 ("They love us when we're victims"). I could not agree with him more and it is a sad thing that indeed it is not in our power to make the world like us better and see us different. In my opinion, this hatred of the Jews is so much part of European/Western culture that most of the time one is not aware of it. In fact, I believe that many of us, having come out of a people with such a tragic history, have become conditioned and even believe that a different standard holds for us.

I hope that our government will possess the vision and the strength to slowly make the changes in attitude that are necessary to make our existence here more than a transient phenomenon. Please let the professor speak again. His words are wise and it is high time that they were said.

RUTH TENENHOLTZ  
Haifa

### SENIORS BENEFITS CAMPAIGN

Sir, — The seniors of the Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel have started a campaign to contact businesses in the Haifa region in order to persuade them to give their senior customers a special discount or service. These businesses (grocery shops, pharmacies, clothing shops, etc.) which agree to participate in this campaign will receive a special sticker to place in their window or on their door.

This campaign is on a national level, and not only in Haifa, in cooperation with other Israeli senior organizations. Volunteers have already commenced contacting businesses; however, more are needed to increase the effort. Volunteers in Haifa may apply by contacting the undersigned at (04) 857-0507.

MILLIE POWELL,  
Chairperson,  
AACI Haifa Seniors

## FROM OUR ARCHIVES

50 years ago: On August 14, 1947, *The Palestine Post* reported that it was a nasty shock to the British Government and to most members of the House of Commons who participated in the recent debate on Palestine when the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine reported that Great Britain had no longer any title to this country. There was not a single member of the committee prepared to justify Britain's

record of administration. In fact, those members who were most concerned that justice be done to the much maligned British had become their severest critics.

The committee, aware of the fact that its report might not be acceptable, either to the Arabs or the Jews, had resolved to recommend what the British had always refused to do: impose their recommended solution with all the authority of the UN behind it. The

committee was, however, afraid that the British would try to wriggle out from its findings and recommendations.

25 years ago: On August 14, 1972, *The Jerusalem Post* reported that Soviets were leaving the Egyptian naval bases, while Cairo was continuing its efforts to arrange a summit meeting in Moscow.

Alexander Zvielli

## PICTURE POSTSCRIPT



Hard to believe, but the people teaching English to Israeli children have chosen this promotional slogan: "he she it or she!" The poster, advertising bagrut tutoring, was spotted on Emek Refaim Street in Jerusalem by roving photographer Bryan McBurney.

## POSTSCRIPT

DICK SHIELDS has not only knocked at death's door, he's peeked inside.

When Shields was 18, he was unconscious for a week after a burst appendix caused a severe abdominal infection. Two doctors declared him dead and he woke up while a nurse was washing his body for his funeral.

"I asked her what she thought she was doing, and she faint," the retired coal miner said from his

home in Juneau, near Pittsburgh.

That was just his first brush with death. Shields, who recently turned 75, has survived three broken necks, a broken back, a triple bypass, a grapefruit-sized blockage in a blood vessel, a fungus that ate his skin off his feet, and hazardous duty during World War II — including marking mines with a knife and toilet paper.

"I'd have to say I've been truly blessed," said Shields, who once

broke his neck when he fell out of bed while recuperating — from a broken neck.

The abdominal infection was perhaps his worst health problem. "They put me in the corner when they thought I was going to die — 'death's corner.' I was all by myself, and they had the curtains around so no one would see me."

"He complains more when he's got a cold than anything else," said his wife Nelda.



# Hieroglyphs of diplomacy

EGYPT'S ROAD TO JERUSALEM: A Diplomat's Story of the Struggle for Peace in the Middle East by Boutros Boutros-Ghali, New York, Random House, 366 pp. \$27.50.

By Serge Schmemmann

First of all, readers looking for the inside story of Boutros Boutros-Ghali's confrontation with the Clinton administration over a second term as secretary-general of the United Nations will not find it here. Boutros-Ghali might eventually tell that story, but *Egypt's Road to Jerusalem* is an earlier chapter of his life, one that began on October 25, 1977, the day he was summoned from a comfortable academic life to assist Egypt's president, Anwar Sadat, in his historic trip to Jerusalem, and ended on October 6, 1981, the day Sadat was assassinated at a military parade from which Boutros-Ghali was playing hockey.

But readers will also not find a post-mortem on Sadat's grand gesture. Though Boutros-Ghali is a scholar of international affairs, he makes it clear from the outset that his purpose is not to digest, judge or justify Sadat's or his own actions. What he presents, as the subtitle announces, is "a diplomat's story" — a chronological account of his actions in the four fateful years he served as a minister of state in the Egyptian Foreign Ministry, as drawn from the detailed daily journal he kept (and which he has now deposited with the Hoover Institution at Stanford University).

The approach has its pros and cons. The problem with any diary is that it presents events of widely varying historic import in the same workaday light. Thus, Boutros-Ghali's endless attempts to head off the centure of the Third World — whether in the guise of the Arab League, the Islamic Conference, the Organization of African Unity or the nonaligned movement — are

described in the same detail and tone as far more consequential meetings with Israelis and Americans. Or a passage about an American attempt to break the stalemate in Egyptian-Israeli talks is followed by one in which Boutros-Ghali ponders what to wear to the funeral of Pope Paul VI (he ended up wearing a rented frock coat).

Another problem with reading diaries is that they presuppose a certain intimacy. Boutros-Ghali is justified in adding as little as possible to his original entries, but those unfamiliar with the context may find some references and incidents confusing or misleading. Boutros-Ghali dedicates his book to his grandfather, Boutros Ghali Pasha, and concludes with the observation that "Sadat was killed by the same kind of fanatic who killed my grandfather in 1910." The significance of this, however, is missed if the reader is not aware that the grandfather, a prime minister of Egypt under the British, was assassinated in 1910 by an Egyptian nationalist, evidently for serving the colonial power. That, in turn, raises the question of whether Boutros-Ghali perceives his role in making peace with Israel as an act of vindication of his ancestors.

On balance, however, the advantage of rummaging through Boutros-Ghali's daily musings outweighs such minor snags. We witness the development of the first major Arab-Israeli peace agreement as it appeared at the time, with all the misconceptions, frustrations, limitations and insights of a diplomat who was near the center of things, though never at the center. And what emerges most powerfully from these pages is the central, lonely and majestic figure of Anwar Sadat, the fabled son who rose to power through revolution and defied the entire Arab and Communist world to make peace with Israel and win back the Sinai. It is not an image Boutros-Ghali deliberately projects. There is every indication that he was picked by Sadat because, as a dispossessed aristocrat and a Coptic Christian, he



Boutros-Ghali records his frustration at being regularly excluded from critical decisions by Anwar Sadat. (AP/WIDE)

was not likely to challenge the leader, as other mainstream Muslim ministers had. Boutros-Ghali records his frustration at being regularly excluded from critical decisions and his disapproval of many of Sadat's policies, as well as the numerous indignities small and large inflicted on him by the president, who condescendingly used the Western "Peter" when pleased with him, and the Arabic "Boutros" when not.

Sadat and his single-minded quest for the return of the Sinai rise from the pages with a force Boutros-Ghali cannot resist. There is a powerful scene in which Boutros-Ghali tries to impress on the president the growing isolation of Egypt in the Third World because of its dealings with Israel. Sadat orders Boutros-Ghali to move his seat so he will face the Suez Canal and the Sinai Desert beyond and, "with deliberate slowness," begins speaking. "Boutros, I don't want to belittle the efforts you are making, but I assure you that a square meter of this Egyptian land is far more important than your diplomatic difficulties. I am not afraid of condemnations. I am not afraid of countries' severing diplomatic relations with us. And I am not afraid of

the provocation and trivia of the Arab countries."

Countering Egypt's diplomatic isolation was one of Boutros-Ghali's major tasks in his four years of service to Sadat, and the endless tangles with the kings and presidents of the Third World form a major — sometimes excessive — part of his story. But what keeps the narrative from bogging down is the wealth of aphorisms and observations that Boutros-Ghali entered in his journal. "In the developing countries there are only two kinds of real power: political power and religious power," he notes. On meeting Yugoslavia's Tito: "From a distance he appeared strong, but up close his face was pale and lined and his hair inexpertly dyed." Or on dining with Idi Amin of Uganda: "We ate lunch while girls danced before us. Idi Amin ate with his hands and, showing me much courtesy and honor, offered to feed me by hand."

In the end, of course, it is the inside story of the first Arab-Israeli peace agreement that is the primary theme and interest of this book. There is the basic excitement of sharing a ring-side seat at a tense, fascinating and fateful diplomatic process, with

Boutros-Ghali providing the play-by-play, as he does at Camp David: "Cyrus Vance was careful. Zbigniew Brzezinski, the special Presidential assistant for national security affairs, was eager. Begin was pompous. ... Dayan was surly." And president Carter, he notes with obvious disapproval, appeared without a necktie.

What is even more instructive is to view the Arab-Israeli struggle through Egyptian eyes. Despite everything that has taken place in the 20 years since Sadat's visit to Jerusalem, many of the obstacles, misconceptions and suspicions that Boutros-Ghali describes remain sadly familiar.

He comes to admire Israel's prosperity and power, but is repeatedly dismayed by the indifference of the Israelis and of Jewish leaders outside Israel to the fate of the Palestinians. Whenever he addressed important Jewish groups, Boutros-Ghali writes, "They would listen carefully when I spoke of the peace treaty and normalization of relations between Egypt and Israel. But when I spoke of the Palestinian people and their national rights, their faces changed and they heard nothing." He also gets a lesson from Abba Eban about Israel's obsession with security. Noting that the dominant theme of Jewish history has been the fragility of life, Eban tells him, "We are a sovereign state and we are entitled to our sovereign possessions."

On his side, Boutros-Ghali describes the depth of Arab hostility toward Israel. The fierceness of the Arab reaction against Sadat's initiative, he explains, stemmed from a deep-rooted fear that if you so much as began to talk to Israel, "half the battle was lost because dialogue implied equality, while the facts indicated an immense imbalance between the two sides." Even for him, a sophisticated scholar married to a Jew, the very fact of stepping on Israeli soil for the first time came as a shock: "Israel seemed as strange to me as a land in outer space. For decades it had been the enemy, the cancer in the body of the Arab world, which we had to do all in our power to destroy."

At the end of his story, with a new administration in Washington, a hardening of positions in Israel and Sadat felled by Islamic extremists, Boutros-Ghali spares us comforting assurances that "peace is irreversible." Instead, he gazes out onto the indifferent Nile and simply notes the turning of another page in Egypt's ancient history.

(New York Times)

## Speakeasies and folderols

PROHIBITION by Edward Behr, New York, Arcade, 262 pp. \$24.95.

By Jennie Tarabulus

Edward Behr, author of *The Last Emperor*, has done it again, pitting people against great national upheavals. Passions unleashed in such situations can with hindsight appear farcical, especially when documented by a writer like Behr, who has considerable insight into people's follies and strengths. This time he tackles the 13 fateful years of Prohibition, a period most Americans prefer to forget.

The 18th Amendment, passed on January 17, 1920, enforced the Volstead Act that outlawed alcohol as "an evil which warped the morals, health and family life of Americans." President Wilson, aware that laws could never control people's personal habits, vetoed the act. He was overruled. Ex-president Taft predicted that the "manufacturing of liquor will pass from law-abiding hands to the quasi-criminal classes." Both proved right. The notorious era of bootlegging gangsters like Al Capone, Meyer Lansky, "Lucky" Luciano, "Dutch" Schultz and lesser minions began with the pop of the first illegal bottle of champagne sold to traditionally hard-drinking Americans.

Now followed a mad scramble for easy money made by supplying thirsty Americans with liquor smuggled in by land, sea and air, not to mention bathtub gin and other booze concocted in home distilleries.

It became chic to protest against the establishment by quaffing forbidden cocktails at speakeasies and saloons. The "roaring twenties" of flappers and folderols gushed forth with 25 million gallons of liquor sold illegally in one year alone, when another 30 million gallons were sold legally for "medical purposes." But those in power decreed it "politically correct" to be prohibitionist. Henry Ford went so far as to have his workers' homes searched for traces of liquor. A ship was launched by breaking a bottle of mineral water. A Yale professor was hired to delete all references to wine in the Bible. And few dared condemn the women's war against drink in the country's first mass feminist movement led by saloon-smashing heroines like Carry Nation.

Moralistic religious leaders, pounding pulpits, preached abstinence; and while permitted to buy wine for sacramental use, hypocritically used it for secular purposes as well. Hypocrisy took many forms. Over 50,000 drinkers died of alcohol poisoning along with 800 gangsters killed in bootleg-related shootouts during Prohibition. Warren Harding, who was elected president through his "impressive good looks and statesmanlike (if spurious) presence," soon revealed his "grandiloquently inept" character, which comprised rascality, robbery, and venal urges. Not surprisingly, his administration, which coincided with Prohibition, remains the most corrupt in the nation's history.

A prominent figure wonderfully described by the author was George Remus, a criminal lawyer who, lured by enormous profits, used his talents to become the richest bootlegger in America, killing his wife along the way. At the 1921 American Bar Association convention in Cincinnati, almost the entire local police force was on his payroll. He exemplified the "legal crook" at the most sophisticated level in society and politics. He believed himself untouchable, having bought even the D.A.; his downfall came through two unusually honest Federal Agents whose patient set trap sent him to jail. (After his release he reformed, donating his considerable holdings to good causes.)

Under Roosevelt in 1933 Prohibition was repealed with astonishing ease, partly because attention shifted to pre-World War II crises in Europe (almost a century before, another Prohibition movement died out during the Civil War), and partly because wealthy businessmen were hating from heavy taxes imposed to compensate for government's loss of income from the liquor tax. Finally, the Depression, unemployment, and the fact that there were far fewer buyers of expensive liquor swiftly changed moralistic abstainers into equally moralistic realists. Wealthy bootleggers like Joe Kennedy (the president's father) simply returned to legal liquor production.

Behr says the least learned lesson of Prohibition is that legislation alone can't control any social waywardness. But organized crime quickly learned how easy it is to bribe politicians and then govern them. Watch out for the TV series.

## A failed attempt to relocate

Jews. Jews all over the world share many characteristics; but there are also profound dissimilarities, as is richly shown in this story.

To be sure, the problem of adaptation to Israel is aggravated here by the presence in the American Jewish family of a child with Down's syndrome. However, it is clear that even without this handicap, the process of adjustment is most difficult, at best.

During the early 1980s, the Roth family was living comfortably in Tucson, Arizona. Jeff was a professor of optics at the university and an observant Jew. Sheila, his wife, had become a careful follower of Jewish tradition, rituals and customs in

order to please her husband. They had a son in the fifth grade and a daughter who had just entered junior high school.

Sheila had a miscarriage, which caused great unhappiness. To make a change in her life, she met with an aliyah representative and decided to settle in Israel. The rapid decision to move strikes a false note because of its seeming casualness. Nevertheless, driven by Sheila's search for a change, the family agreed to move to Jerusalem. But before they could do so, an auto accident claimed the lives of Jeff's sister and brother-in-law, leaving, as an orphan, Tamara, their five-year-old retarded daughter. Pressured by

Jeff, Sheila reluctantly agreed to have Tamara join the family, and they all managed to adapt themselves to the intrusion of this relatively strange newcomer.

The process of fitting a Down's syndrome child into the family is described with considerable sympathy and authenticity, obviously based on the fact that one of the author's children has Down's syndrome. The painful efforts of the Roths to arrange an education for Tamara in Israel is also set forth with realism and with feeling.

Equally genuine is the account of how hard life in Israel is, especially for Americans. Apart from the brusqueness and the bureaucracy

that the Roths confronted, their situation was complicated by the fact that they were in Israel at the time of unbridled inflation, which made their lives very difficult. Even without this barrier, however, they found the other obstacles to permanent settlement to be insurmountable. They returned to Tucson, where they missed Israel with all its problems, but where they quickly settled back to their familiar lives.

Although *T'Shuvu* is presented as a novel, it provides significant insights into why aliyah for American Jews is so often unsuccessful. Indeed, most American Jews never consider this option although they may be ardent supporters of Israel. In this 100th anniversary year of the first Zionist conference, this book poignantly illustrates why we need a new definition of Zionism.

By Morton L. Teicher

This is a simple — some might say simplistic — fictional account of a failed effort by an American family to settle in Israel. It highlights the crucial differences between Israelis and American Jews, thus helping to explain why so many American Jews return to the United States after trying to move to Israel. Although this is surely not its intent, the book demonstrates that we cannot take for granted commonality between Israelis and American Jews just because they are both

## BOOK BYTES

Since last year's elections in France the far-right Front National has been attempting to influence library acquisitions. The mayor of Orange in south-east France decreed that the public library must not buy a title on racism and a book of African children's stories. In Marseilles, an FN spokeswoman objected to finding on the shelves 300 titles on the late President Francois Mitterrand, 60 on his successor Jacques Chirac, and only one book about right-wing leader Jean-Marie Le Pen.

The FN mayor of Toulon personally took over the reins of the local book fair last November, and canceled a planned event celebrating a writer on topics of Jewish interest. Toulon's bookshops boycotted the "official" fair, and set up a highly successful rival attraction in a nearby town.

In response to the FN's policies, librarians and library users are taking legal action against a number of local councils, and the library association of France has published an "open letter" in the national press in defense of its independent right to acquire books. Currently, the Arts Ministry is drawing up new legislation concerning the "role and running of libraries."

The captain's log gave no details of the incident. The insurers initially refused to pay damages, so the case went to court, where it was argued that rampaging illness necessitated so many "disposals" of the "stock." Since the gender of the courageous slave who climbed back aboard was never mentioned, D'Aguiar imagined a woman he calls Mintah. The central images of the book are water, in which the slaves are destroyed, and wood, recalling the death ship and the statues that Mintah carves in later life.

D'Aguiar's ancestry is Portuguese and African. He was born in England, brought up in Guyana, and returned to London at age 12. At present, he's teaching creative writing at the University of Miami, Florida.

IT SEEMS virtually impossible to escape the name of top-selling thriller writer David Baldacci in magazines, newspapers and television these days. And now the creator of *Absolute Power* and *Total Control* (both Warner books) has just won something he doesn't need: money. But the prize, nevertheless, must be very satisfying. Baldacci, the winner of the £5,000 Thumping Good Read Award, sponsored by Britain's W. H. Smith's chain, was selected by the customers for *Absolute Power*, his first book and now a film with Clint Eastwood.

David Bruener

### HARDCOVER Fiction

1. *Unnatural Exposure* by Fritz Leiber. (Putnam \$25.95.) Dr. Kay Scarpatta contends with a killer who uses a smallpox-like virus and cyberspace tricks.
2. *Cold Mountain* by Charles Frazier. (Atlantic Monthly \$24.) A wounded Confederate soldier journeys home toward the end of the Civil War to meet an old love.
3. *Special Delivery* by Danielle Steel. (Delacorte \$16.95.) Romance comes to a mature couple.
4. *Plum Island* by Nelson DeMille. (Warner \$25.) A detective probes the murder of a Long Island couple who may have been involved in germ warfare research.
5. *The Notebook* by Nicholas Sparks. (Warner \$16.95.) A World War II veteran meets an old flame who is about to be married.
6. *The Partner* by John Grisham. (Doubleday \$26.95.) The search for \$90 million stolen by a lawyer, believed dead, who is in hiding.
7. *If This World Were Mine* by E. Lynn Harris. (Doubleday \$23.95.) The seemingly close bonds of four old classmates are strained when a stranger enters their lives.
8. *Fat Tuesday* by Sandra Brown. (Warner \$24.) A cop turned outlaw and the wife of a sinister attorney go on a tear during Mardi Gras.
9. *Up Island* by Anne Rivers Siddons. (HarperCollins \$24.) An Atlanta woman, after a bad marriage and her mother's death, seeks a new life.
10. *Deception on His Mind* by Elizabeth George. (Bantam \$24.95.) Barbara Havers probes the murder of a respected Asian resident of a British coastal town.

### HARDCOVER Non-fiction

1. *Angela's Ashes* by Frank McCourt. (Scribner \$24.) An Irish-American recalls his childhood amid the miseries of Limerick.
2. *The Perfect Storm* by Sebastian Junger. (Norton \$23.95.) An account of the no-nonsense 1991, focusing on fishermen from Gloucester, Mass.
3. *Into Thin Air* by Jon Krakauer. (Villard \$24.95.) An account of the ascent of Mount Everest in 1996, the deadliest season in history.
4. *The Bible Code* by Michael Drosnin. (Simon & Schuster \$25.) Hidden predictions in the Bible.
5. *Conversations with God: Book 1* by Neale Donald Walsch. (Putnam \$19.95.) The author addresses questions of life and love, good and evil, guilt and sin.
6. *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil* by John Berendt. (Random House \$23.) The mysterious death of a young man in Savannah, Ga.
7. *The Millionaire Next Door* by Thomas J. Stanley and William D. Danko. (Longstreet \$22.) An analysis of the lives of wealthy Americans discloses that they have seven characteristics in common.
8. *Brain Droppings* by George Carlin. (Hyperion \$19.95.) Comments by the stand-up comedian.
9. *The Gift of Fear* by Gavin de Becker. (Little, Brown \$22.95.) Intuitive signals can protect us from becoming the victims of violence.
10. *Martha Stewart* — Just Desserts by Jerry Oppenheimer. (Morrow \$24.) A biography of "the doyenne of domesticity."

### PAPERBACK Fiction

1. *Executive Orders* by Tom Clancy. (Ballantine \$7.50.) Vice President Jack Ryan has problems after the deaths of the president and most of the government.
2. *The Third Twin* by Ken Follet. (Fawcett \$7.95.) A genetic researcher's work brings frightening experiences.
3. *Desperation* by Stephen King. (Signet \$7.99.) Visitors to a small mining town in Nevada encounter terrifying forces.
4. *Contact* by Carl Sagan. (Pocket \$6.95.) Scientists receive a signal from intelligent life beyond Earth.
5. *Songs in Ordinary Time* by Mary McGarry Morris. (Penguin \$13.95.) A divorced woman and her three children are menaced by a con man.
6. *Finding the Dream* by Nora Roberts. (Jove \$6.99.) A devastated divorced woman sets out to rebuild her life.
7. *The Deep End of the Ocean* by Jacquelyn Mitchard. (Signet \$7.50.) The disappearance of a three-year-old brings a family anguish and redemption.
8. *Vendetta: Lucky's Revenge* by Jackie Collins. (Regan Books/Harper Paperbacks, \$6.99.) Lucky Santangelo fights to retain her Hollywood studio.
9. *The Clayborne Brides: Parts 1-2* by Julia Garwood. (Pocket \$2.99 each.) "One Pink Rose" and "One White Rose" relate 19th-century romantic adventures.
10. *She's Come Undone* by Lily Lamb. (Washington Square/Pocket \$14.) A woman's squaring progress from youth to middle age.

### PAPERBACK Non-fiction

1. *The Sea Hunters* by Clive Cussler and Craig DiGrego. (Pocket \$7.99.) Searches for shipwrecks.
2. *Undaunted Courage* by Stephen E. Ambrose. (Touchstone/S&S \$16.) The story of how Thomas Jefferson sponsored Lewis and Clark.
3. *The Color of Water* by James McBride. (Riverhead \$12.) A black writer and musician recalls his experiences growing up with his white mother in Brooklyn.
4. *Into the Wild* by Jon Krakauer. (Anchor/Doubleday \$12.95.) A young man obsessed by the wilderness has a tragic end in Alaska.
5. *The Heart of a Woman* by Maya Angelou. (Bantam \$12.) Volume 4 of the poet's autobiography.
6. *A Civil Action* by Jonathan Harr. (Vintage \$13.) Householders sue industrial polluters.
7. *Reviving Ophelia* by Mary Pipher. (Ballantine \$12.50.) The everyday dangers that beset teenage girls.
8. *Girlfriends* by Carmen Renee Berry and Tamara Traeder. (Wildcat Canyon \$12.95.) Ties that bind women.
9. *Emotional Intelligence* by Daniel Goleman. (Bantam \$13.95.) Factors other than IQ that contribute to a successful and happy life.
10. *Spontaneous Healing* by Andrew Weil. (Fawcett \$12.95.) How the body heals itself.

### PAPERBACK Miscellaneous

1. *Don't Sweat the Small Stuff* by Richard Carlson. (Hyperion \$8.95.) How to enjoy life much more and contribute to the world we live in.
2. *Chicken Soup for the Teenage Soul* compiled by Jack Canfield, Mark Victor Hansen and Kimberly Krueger. (Health Communications \$12.95.) Inspiration.
3. *Chicken Soup for the Woman's Soul* compiled by Jack Canfield, Mark Victor Hansen, Jennifer Read Hawthorne, and Marci Shimoff. (Health Communications \$12.95.) Inspiration.
4. *Dr. Atkins' New Diet* revised by Robert C. Atkins. (Avon \$8.50.) Ways to lose weight and achieve a healthy body.

### HARDCOVER Miscellaneous

1. *Miracle Cures* by Jean Carper. (HarperCollins \$25.) The "healing powers" of herbs, vitamins and other natural remedies.
2. *Simple Abundance* by Sarah Ban Breathnach. (Warner \$17.95.) Advice for women seeking to improve the way they look at themselves.
3. *Men are from Mars, Women are from Venus* by John Gray. (HarperCollins \$25.) Improving communication and relationships.
4. *Mars and Venus on a Date* by John Gray. (HarperCollins \$25.) Steps to take to achieve a lasting, loving relationship.



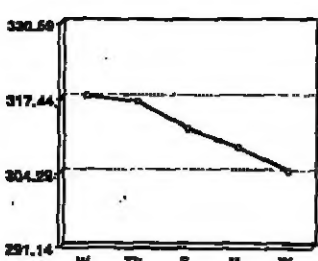
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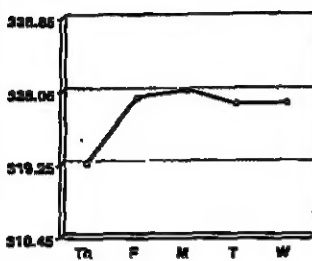


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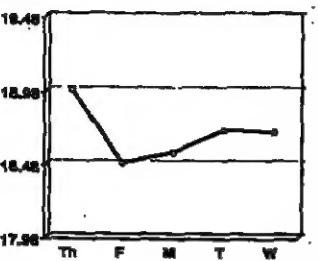
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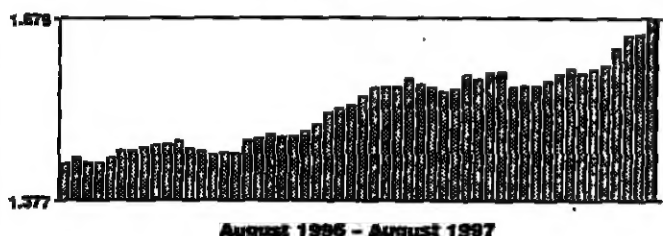


OIL

\$ per barrel of Brent crude



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### Heineken puts off Tempo purchase

Dutch beer giant Heineken NV has suspended plans to purchase control of Tempo Beer Industries Ltd. due to the continued standstill in the Middle East peace process. The company previously outlined plans to enter the Israeli market, following the establishment of a local Carlsberg plant. According to a previous agreement, Heineken was to purchase a 44.5 percent stake in Tempo from director Moshe Podhorzer and part of the 51% stake owned by a group that includes chairman Jack Beer.

Bloomberg Business News.

### Merrill Lynch joins IEC flotation

The Israel Electric Corporation announced yesterday that it has appointed Merrill Lynch to join the other managers of its upcoming \$1 billion bond flotation. The full line-up now has Lehman Brothers managing 60 percent, in partnership with Salomon Brothers (20%), Goldman Sachs (10%) and Merrill Lynch (10%). The capital will go toward funding the company's 1998 \$1.5b. development program, including the building of new major and secondary power stations.

IEC's investments over the next decade are likely to reach \$12b., according to company chairman Gad Ya'acobi. In order to do so, he said, the company will continue to raise capital in the US, Europe and elsewhere.

David Harris

### Foreign investments in TASE jump

Financial investments by foreign residents in the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange rose significantly in the first half of 1997 to a net \$300 million, compared with \$342m. for all of 1996. The 47% rise was reported by the Bank of Israel yesterday. Foreign financial investments in the six-month period was a net \$350m., of which \$337m. was in Israeli securities traded on foreign exchanges.

Foreign financial investment since early 1994 amounts to \$3.8 billion, of which \$1.4b. was traded on the TASE, and the remainder in Israeli securities abroad.

The Bank of Israel noted that financial investment by foreign residents represents an important and dominant element in TASE fund raising today, especially in the first half of this year, due to the accelerated privatization of banks and government companies. The Bank of Israel stressed the entry into the TASE of foreign entities, who had previously been inactive or only slightly active.

Globes

### TASE starts continuous computerized trading

The Tel Aviv Stock Exchange will begin continuous computerized trading for the first time tomorrow. The issues included in the first phase of the new method are Agis Industries Ltd., Elbit Medical Imaging Ltd., Elbit Systems Ltd., Elron Electronic Industries Ltd., Africa-Israel Properties and Investments Ltd., Series 1, Delek Israel Fuel Corp., Israel Land Development Co., Elite Industries Ltd. Series 5, Formula Systems Ltd. and Blue Square Investment and Properties Ltd.

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## Arison Group mulls response to Hapoalim delay

By JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

The Arison Group will meet later in the week at an announced destination to determine its response to MI Holdings' decision to push back the date for completing tender proceedings for the sale of Bank Hapoalim, a spokesperson for the group said yesterday.

On Tuesday, MI Holdings released a statement saying that the two groups bidding for control of the bank have until September 4 to submit their final bids. MI, the government body in charge of privatizing the banks, originally set the date for August 18.

The Arison group previously said the government's inability to stand by the original deadline could force the Arison group to rescind its offer.

"The groups participating in the tender won't wait forever," an Arison executive said in July. "If the state fails to abide by the timetable for selling Bank Hapoalim, we will reconsider our course of action."

MI Holdings refused to state the reasons for the delay.

The delay is not expected to cause the dissolution of the consortium, the spokesperson said.

The Arison consortium, led by US-based businessman Ted

Arison, has offered the government approximately NIS 3 billion for a 34.5% stake in Bank Hapoalim, with an option to double its holding. The government controls 75% of Bank Hapoalim, the country's largest financial institution.

The Arison group, which is competing against a group led by US investor Jeffrey Keil and Israeli businessman Eliezer Fishman, completed all of its due-diligence checks, submitted all of the necessary documents to the Bank of Israel and has completed negotiations regarding the final price with MI Holdings, a source close to the deal said.

However, the Keil-Fishman group is still in discussions with MI, the source said.

Ted Arison has a 34% holding in his consortium, while 60% is divided between the Dankner Group, businessman Len Abramson, and entrepreneurs Michael Steinhardt and Charles Schusterman, who are bidding together. The Hyperion fund holds the remaining 6%.

Following a failed attempt to sell Bank Hapoalim, the government issued a new tender in February, offering bidders an opportunity to gain a greater stake in the bank than the previous tender allowed.

## Haredi housing project threatens Har Hotzvim plants

By JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

If the Jerusalem municipality approves the expansion of the Sanhedria residential neighborhood, it will cause insurmountable damage to the city's economy generally, and to the Har Hotzvim industrial park particularly, Gideon Drimer, director of the Manufacturers Association, said yesterday.

The Ministry of the Interior and the municipality have recently discussed plans to expand the Haredi neighborhood by building an additional 200 housing units about 60 meters from the industrial park.

If the housing is built, 25% of the park's 40 factories will not be able to operate since they will be too close to the neighborhood. Israeli environmental laws require factories that use dangerous materials to be located at least 150 meters from a residential area.

"The companies in Har Hotzvim already completed all their papers and received all the approvals they need to build factories," Drimer said. "If Sanhedria is expanded it will be the start of the destruction of the industrial area."

"I understand that there is a shortage of land and that developers want to make money by building housing, but you can't build and then complain that an industrial park that earns so much money for the city is in the way," he said.

Due to Tisha B'Av, the municipality could not be reached for comment.

The Ministry of Interior said that it has no plans to do anything that will affect the industrial park.

"We have absolutely no intention of hurting Har Hotzvim," said Aliza Inbari, a ministry spokeswoman.

Drimer said that there is no way to expand Sanhedria without limiting the park's activities. The park employs 3,500 workers and exports \$720m. annually. Last year \$101m. was invested in the park.

"They are throwing sand in our eyes to say that they can expand Sanhedria without hurting the industrial park," he said.

Some companies now doubt whether they will go ahead with previously approved plans.

More than one year ago, AVX, a high-tech company that manufactures microelectronic components, received a permit to build a \$40m. factory in Har Hotzvim. Now, the company doubts whether it will ever build the plant.

"It took a long time to convince our parent company to build a factory here and a while to get all the necessary permits," said CEO Aris Levin. "Now, everything stands in question."

The factory was expected to employ 1,000 people within five years and to export tens of millions of dollars worth of goods annually, Levine said.



Child labor in India on the increase

Child laborers in India tell their story to a 'Children's Court' yesterday. It is estimated that between 18 million and 55 million Indian children work instead of going to school.

(Reuters)

## MKs narrowly approve NIS 800m. budget cut

By DAVID HARRIS

Amid angry scenes, the Knesset Finance Committee narrowly voted yesterday to reduce the 1997 budget by NIS 800 million.

The count was an uneasy 9 to 8, with only one coalition member, Zvi Hendel of the National Religious Party, voting with the opposition.

The cut went through despite members' objections to an envisaged reduction of NIS 120 million in education spending.

Defying his boss, Deputy Education Minister Moshe Peled of Tsomet came to meeting to try and persuade

members to vote against.

"So sack me," Peled retorted to Education Minister Zevulun Hammer who had threatened to fire him for attending the meeting.

Peled told reporters that Hammer's threat was in response to pressure from his cabinet colleague, Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman.

Peled said the cut could foil plans to lengthen school days beginning in September. Hammer also complained to Netanyahu that unless the gov-

ernment provided funds for the long school day, he couldn't promise that schools would open on time on Sept. 1.

The government has promised NIS 300 million for the program, a ministry official said. Netanyahu indicated he would try to come up with a solution by today, the official added.

There were some tense moments in committee before the vote, when it was feared that MK Eliezer Zandberg of Tsomet, who replaced an absent Likud member, would vote nay. It took a series of telephone calls and corridor discussions to get Zandberg replaced and make

sure the plan would pass.

Hendel alleged that the cut to education was irresponsible, but predicted it would be tough to implement.

The Knesset coalition leader, Meir Sheetrit of Likud and the committee coalition leader, Michael Kleiner of Gesher, also voiced objections to slashing school funds.

Shas' two MKs on the committee, Nissim Dahan and Yitzhak Cohen, supported the plan after consulting with spiritual leaders, Dahan said.

The cut was the third made in this year's budget, bringing the overall spending reduction to NIS 8 billion.



Michael Kleiner



Moshe Peled

## Teva: Antibiotic recalled prior to FDA warning

By Jerusalem Post Staff

Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd. had already recalled batches of its Clindamycin antibiotic when it received a warning letter from the US Food and Drug Administration, a spokesperson from Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd. said yesterday in response to wire reports that the FDA told Teva to withdraw batches of its Clindamycin antibiotic.

In a letter dated July 28 and released two days ago, the FDA stated that Teva did not follow proper procedures in manufacturing and testing the antibiotic, which is made in the company's Paterson New Jersey plant.

"Your commitment to recall all distributed lots of Clindamycin HCL 150 mg capsules is acknowledged with this letter," the FDA wrote in its warning.

Teva said an undisclosed

European supplier failed to follow proper FDA procedures for meeting particle-size criteria before it sold raw materials to Teva. The FDA approved the materials before telling Teva to recall the finished product in post-approval inspection.

"We recalled the drugs even before we received the letter," said the spokesperson, adding that the drug in its defective form would be less effective, but not harmful. "There is nothing irregular in what happened. A reporter saw the letter and decided to make an item out of it."

Teva recalled five batches of Clindamycin, whose value totals several tens of thousands of dollars, the spokesperson said.

In the first six months of the year total sales of the product were less than \$2m. The recall will not have a significant effect on earnings, the company said.

Trading of Teva's Nasdaq shares was halted for more than two hours on Tuesday afternoon. The shares closed at \$55.875, down from \$56.125.

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### ISRAELI MONEY MARKETS

Patish (foreign currency deposit rates) (11.9.96)

Currency (deposit for)	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
U.S. dollar (\$250,000)	4.750	4.000	5.375
Pound sterling (£100,000)	3.875	4.000	4.390
German mark (DM 200,000)	1.825	1.825	2.125
Swiss franc (SF 200,000)	0.825	0.750	1.000
Yen (10 million yen)			

(Rates vary higher or lower than indicated according to deposit)

Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates\* (12.8.97)

CURRENCY BASKET	CHECKS AND TRANSFERS		BANKNOTES		Rep. Rates**
	Buy	Sell	Buy	Sell	
U.S. dollar	3.7282	3.7894	—	—	3.7820
German mark	3.5042	3.5508	3.44	3.62	3.5340
Pound sterling	1.8894	1.9240	1.88	1.96	1.9182
French franc	5.5374	5.6288	5.44	5.71	5.6873
Japanese yen (100)	0.8614	0.8705	0.85	0.88	0.8679
Dutch florin	3.0682	3.0578	2.96	3.11	3.0386
Swiss franc	1.8917	1.7078	1.85	1.74	1.7005
Swedish krona	2.9024	2.3388	2.25	2.38	2.3288
Norwegian krona	0.4873	0.4444	0.42	0.46	0.4413
Danish krone	0.4684	0.4638	0.44	0.48	0.4617
Finnish mark	0.4989	0.5250	0.48	0.52	0.5026
Canadian dollar	0.8324	0.8426	0.82	0.86	0.8394
Australian dollar	2.5186	2.5572	2.47	2.50	2.4879
S. African rand	2.5083	2.5484	2.38	2.69	2.6274
Belgian franc (10)	0.7610	0.7632	0.68	0.77	0.7578
Austrian schilling (10)	0.9188	0.9214	0.80	0.85	0.8270
Italian lire (1000)	2.6917	2.7346	2.64	2.78	2.7294
Jordanian dinar	1.9338	1.9845	1.90	2.00	1.9580
Egyptian pound	4.8425	5.0223	4.88	5.21	4.9829
ECU	1.0000	1.0000	1.00	1.00	1.0000
Irish punt	3.7213	3.7814	3.62	3.80	3.7804
These rates vary according to bank.	5.0412	5.1228	4.95	5.20	5.0731

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# David's citadels

Developer David Azrieli, who heralded Israel's mall revolution, aims to give Tel Aviv its very own Rockefeller Center

By NICKY BLACKBURN

You can see it wherever you go in Tel Aviv, towering above the skyline and dwarfing whatever, until now, has passed for Israeli skyscrapers.

The Azrieli Center/Shalom Project, a massive three-tower shopping and office complex, Tel Aviv's giant real-estate project, dominates the view from virtually every angle, following you about like one of those old "Uncle Sam" posters, where the eyes and finger seem to be pointing directly at you wherever you stand.

Though still months from completion, the Shalom towers are already the tallest in the entire Middle East.

Looming pale in the city's haze, it can be seen for kilometers around. But the project, which is being constructed by Canit Investments, a Canadian firm owned by businessman David Azrieli, has designs on more than just the Tel Aviv skyline. It aims to command the minds and pockets of Tel Avivians, to bring new standards of architecture to Israel and to create a commercial heart in a city that has no real business or social center.

Undoubtedly, the project is impressive. One of the five largest schemes of its sort in the world, and the biggest undertaken in the Middle East, it incorporates all the latest technology and innovations.

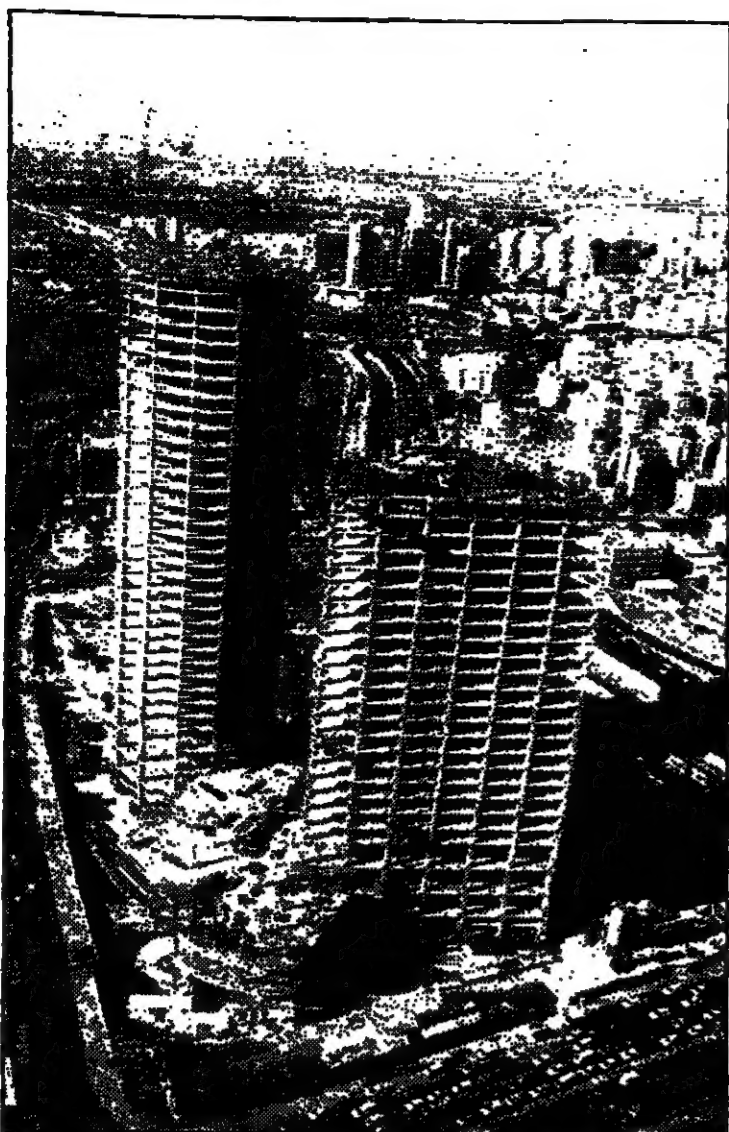
With an overall price tag in excess of \$400 million, the complex consists of three high-rise towers: one round (48 floors), one square (40 floors) and one triangular (44 floors). These geometric towers are brought together at the bottom by a large Y-shaped shopping center of 30,000 sq. m, which will house 140 stores. There will be five floors of parking, mostly underground, providing space for 3,600 cars.

The circular and triangular towers have already gone up. Work on the square building will follow in another five months.

Once completed, between 12,000-15,000 people are expected to work in the buildings every day. "The project will be like a small city, not counting visitors from outside," says Azrieli.

Beyond these impressive figures lurks a determination to make the Azrieli Center/Shalom Project a monument to quality and high standards. Everything is top notch, from the 72 Swiss elevators which rise at seven meters a second — "like a missile," says Azrieli — to the imaginative underground parking lots which will include waterfalls, fountains and gardens.

For city residents, perhaps the most inspiring thing so far is the



rate at which the development has gone up. Working 24 hours a day, week by week, builders have added floor after floor at a remarkable speed, meeting deadlines well ahead of schedule and completing the circular tower at about the same time it takes in Israel to build an ordinary house.

NOW, WITH the skeleton of two of the towers almost complete, it's time to take stock of what this development means for Tel Aviv.

As a shopping center, it's likely to become the country's most vibrant one. Situated at the junction of two of the city's busiest arteries, the Ayalon, which brings traffic from both the north and south of the country, and Derech Hashalom, which links central Tel Aviv to affluent cities like Ramat Gan and Givatayim, the Shalom's location couldn't be better.

"We are hoping this shopping center will become the fashion boulevard of Israel," says Azrieli. "The stores will offer everything that Paris, London and New York does." Shops which have already

signed leases include Galleries Lafayette, Marks and Spencer, Polo Ralph Lauren and Rampage.

For the Tel Aviv Municipality, which approved the project, the center is a welcome break from the current trend of building malls outside the city center.

"In planning terms it's not good to build outside the city. Both the French and the Americans have already realized it harms inner-city shopping. The Azrieli Center/Shalom Project is in the city. It's part of its economic fabric," says Baruch Yoscovitz, director of planning at the municipality.

There is still a possibility, however, that this project will bring hardship to other city shopping areas, particularly vulnerable centers like Dizengoff Street.

"We are doing what we believe is the right thing. If it hurts Dizengoff then it will," says Azrieli.

General (res.) Menachem Eitan, director-general of Canit Hashalom Investments Ltd., however, doesn't think such a negative impact is inevitable. "It won't affect malls like the Dizengoff Center. In Israel

today not more than 40 percent of sales are made in shopping centers, compared to 55%-70% in the US or Western Europe. It's more likely to affect small stores."

In business, the impact is clear. For years the commercial life of Tel Aviv has been spread out all over the city, often taking valuable space in residential areas. The Azrieli Center/Shalom Project focuses the business community in what is now becoming Tel Aviv's central business district.

"Tel Aviv has been struggling for years," says Azrieli. "It has lost its dominant business position to Ramat Gan. The Ayalon area is excellent for business and already a number of important buildings are going up. The Azrieli Center/Shalom Project will be the dominant one, in terms of size, architecture and location. It creates a new standard in Israel which will become an example for everyone else to follow."

"It's all part of our master plan for the central business district," says Yoscovitz. "This project is important in terms of business development. It's a large, luxurious, high-standard center which will become the HQ for many of Israel's top firms. The whole area around here will be redeveloped."

Much of the office space in the towers has already been leased to a variety of firms. Bezeq, for instance, is leasing 17 floors of the triangular building, with a purchase option. "It was one heck of a deal," says Ron Mandelbaum, a spokesman for Bezeq. "We'd been looking for a place to anchor our business for years and this seemed like the ideal opportunity. It's a good location in terms of transportation, centrality and even just image. It's a respected project in one of the best places in town."

Aside from shopping and office facilities, there will be eight cinemas, a recreation area, an amphitheater, art galleries, a health spa and a swimming pool. "We believe this will become the heart of Tel Aviv, just as the Rockefeller Center is the heart of New York," says Azrieli.

"It will definitely enhance Tel Aviv's centrality," says Yoscovitz.

Though at present the development is still a rather messy construction site, it has already hosted a number of distinguished foreign visitors and is a regular pilgrimage site for ministers and civic leaders wanting to show off Israeli development.

Azrieli, who takes credit for the project, believes this trend will grow. "It will receive lots of attention from all over the world," he says. "It'll be a focal point not just for Tel Aviv or Israel but for the whole Middle East. It's beautifully designed and composed. The development will be clad in white polished granite, a departure from the proliferation of glass and aluminum structures. We wanted it to fit in with the Mediterranean climate of Tel Aviv."

Can the Shalom Project fail? It's one of the scenarios that developers of Canary Wharf, a similarly huge development in Britain, failed to address. There, the multi-million dollar project in London's docklands went bankrupt after a few years.

Azrieli believes his project will not suffer the same fate. "We are well-financed and well-leased. The shopping center is nearly filled. We're there to win."

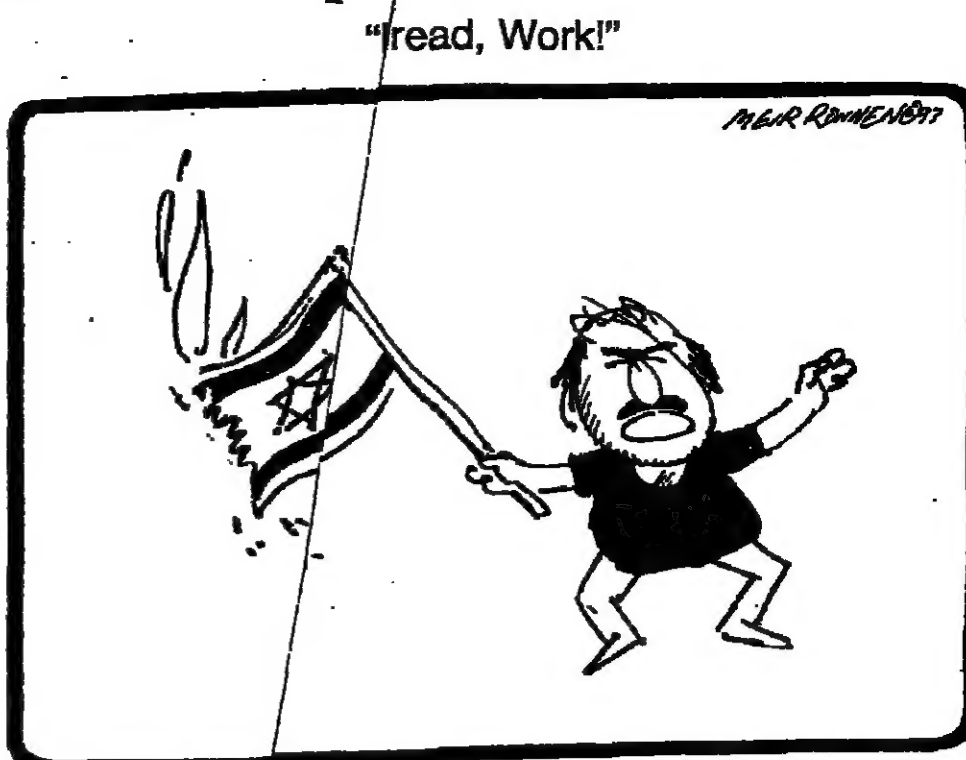
He also shrugs off Israel's current economic difficulties. "Israel is going through a wonderful time," he says. "The economy is doing just great. It's time to tighten the belt a little to bring things back to reality."

The development opens for business in stages. In October the parking lot opens, followed by the mall in March next year. By November 1998, tenants will begin occupying the office tower.

So what does the man on the street think about all this? "It's an amazing development," says one resident of Givatayim. "But it does kind of block the view of the sea."

The new chip increases Internet data transmission speed to 8 mbps, which is 240 times the speed of a average home modem and 10 times that of ISDN transmission. The new processor is designed for data transmission equipment that can send large quantities of data over ordinary telephone lines.

NDS and AP in satellite transmission trial: News Digital Systems, a subsidiary of Rupert Murdoch's News Corp., and the Associated Press news agency recently announced the successful completion of a satellite-based data transmission and encoding trial. The trial included broadcasting digital multimedia data — integrated, simultaneous video, audio and text. An electronic copy of a newspaper containing a video clip was transmitted from London via satellite network to a PC in New York, equipped with NDS's satellite receiver card. The file downloaded in under a minute.



## SMART SHOPPING

# Happy trails

From Himalaya hikers to backyard barbecuers, Israelis are in the market for outdoor gear

By RACHEL WEIN

Every year, like big migrating south, or emmings heading out to sea, newly demobilized IDF grays throw on their knapsacks and go out for the Far East or South America. And who better prepped for these long-term trips, with include treks over the Himalaya or Andes mountain ranges, an someone who has just completed three years of IDF training.

And according to the data, here on the home front everyone is a camping expert as well. This expertise is born from the facts: Israel's camping market is estimated at NIS 40 million in sales per year. In 1996, the US Department of Commerce Office of Export Promotion named Israel one of the top ten target markets for sporting goods and recreational equipment, along with Brazil, Chile, Germany, Japan, the Netherlands, Malaysia, Taiwan, Turkey, the UK and Singapore.

The major specialist retailers in the field include La Metayel, SPN's Haerzka, La Metayel, Rikushet and Gad Mahnaut. Superstore with camping gear include SportMart in Haifa, as well as Home Center, Ace Kne Uvne and Landyman.

An estimated 35 percent of camping gear is purchased around Pessah, when the entire country gets in their tents and travels somewhere else. Rikushet (the name means "ricochet," though it's spelled differently) was set up as a specialist in supplementary IDF gear, but the post-army ritual caused an interesting development, opening up the market considerably.

Rikushet was founded by reserve officers Amir Levit and David Peled, who in 1989 set up a factory to manufacture supplementary IDF gear. The two say they knew soldiers' needs from the field, having experienced those needs — and frustrations — first hand. Today, in partnership with Ank Hapoalim and Discount Bank, Rikushet imports and manufactures all sorts of camping

gear, but maintains a special department in each store for soldiers. There are 28 stores offering everything from knapsacks, in all shapes and colors, to regulation IDF blue-and-white striped, gun-bore cleaning flannel.

Rikushet characterizes its customers as "everyone from housewives who come in for family picnic gear to 4X4 drivers looking for satellite navigation [global positioning] systems, and kids wanting to buy a knapsack and sleeping bag." General travel needs have proved so important to Rikushet, the chain plans to open a tourism information center, including a booking service.

La Metayel, headquartered at Dizengoff Center, underwent a similar transformation 10 years ago, when it moved from giving in-store seminars about trekking and hiking — with all attendees seated on the floor — to opening its own travel agency.

From its modest roots, La Metayel grew into a chain of stores representing quality equipment manufacturers such as Lowe, Karrimor, Coleman, MSR, North Face, Caravan, Quest, Tecnica and Scarpa. The stores also have special departments for climbing and ski equipment, and a library of tour books and maps you can buy or just browse through.

The chain takes pride in the fact that it employs sports professionals who offer shoppers advice and get them excited about their trips.

Gad Mahnaut was founded in 1994 by Gideon Cohen for the purpose of importing low-cost camping accessories from China, Hong Kong and the US, at prices spanning "from \$1 to \$49" — a range more accurately put at NIS 35 (for an apple peeler) to NIS 150-NIS 200 (for tents).

Cohen says Gad Mahnaut was interested in what Israelis call *patentim*, a word meaning clever ideas and gadgets. For Cohen, the word has an additional definition: "consumer products whose retail markup price is hundreds of times higher than the wholesale price."

By selling exclusively through

those little booklets bundled in the same envelope with monthly credit card statements, Gad Mahnaut is able to save on overhead and marketing costs. Cohen claims that this way, he's able to offer products to Israelis at the same low prices seen abroad. Cohen says he sells about 6,000 items every month, and forecasts turnover will reach NIS 15m. this year. He visits about 20 trade shows a year, in Hong Kong, the Canton province in China, and several major sporting goods shows in Chicago, always on the lookout for special products to suit not only the campground, but the kitchen and car as well. Gad Mahnaut's agent in the Far East is Udi International, a member of the Eisenberg group.

Ironically, while sales of sleeping bags are on the rise, sales of gas burners are stagnant, says Shimon Horowitz of Amisragas, which represents Coleman camping products under the Camping Gaz brand name. "Locally, camping is on the decline. Israelis don't go camping on the weekends. They go to hotels. The only people who go camping are the young, who go to the Eilat region. Then they take a gas burner to prepare Turkish coffee and cook, but when they go abroad, they don't take gas, they take an all-fuel burner."

The *mangal*, the local version of a barbecue, represents the great outdoors to the majority of Israeli adults today. But there's been a shift in that market, concurrent with the boom in private-house construction and a more sophisticated national palate, whereby people are favoring long-lasting, good quality grills for backyard barbecues over small metal hibachis and charcoal briquets. In response to a growing market — 30%-40% growth per year since 1992, estimates Horowitz — Amisragas last week announced it has become the Broil King representative in Israel. And while eating food roasted to perfection on Broil King's porcelain coated cast-iron grid and ceramic briquets may not exactly be roughing it, it definitely gives kids added incentive to come home after all that wandering.

## AT THE MALL

**Heartfelt gifts:** When it comes to romance, angels and roses, designer Michal Nagarin doesn't miss a trick. Treat yourself or someone you love this Tu B'Shvat to a cupid key chain (NIS 45) or heart shaped picture frame (NIS 80). Shops are located in Tel Aviv, Ramat Hasharon, Rishon LeZion and Rehovot.

**Proofer up:** This light bulb may only be 220 watts, but the message burning inside — a glowing filament that reads Kiss Me — multiplies the power. Available at Meteor Light Center — Ramat Gan, Rishon LeZion, Jerusalem and Ra'anana. Price: NIS 39.

**Shine on your love light:** Get your feelings out on the table with the heart-shaped Piccola lamp from Ite. They are available at Albex Lighting, 45 Kibbutz Galuyot St., Tel Aviv or Shderot Hagalim, Herzliya (opposite the Hyper Kol). Price: NIS 402.

**Guilt-free goodies:** Delight Line sugar-free cakes and pastries by Ton Puts of Holland are now available in Israel. The products, made with Nutra Sweet, are not only for diabetics but for anyone on a reduced calorie diet. Ton Puts products, imported by Ya'acov Ben-Yakar, are high in fiber, low in fat, and do not contain sorbitol, but do contain Aspartame, Isomalt and Acesulfame-K. For more information, call (03) 923-2536 or 921-0348.

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**Bina releases Goggo educational tool:** BINA — Enthusiastic Educational Software recently announced the release of its new educational product, the Goggo series, a CD-ROM package targeting a child's readiness for first grade. The first CD in the series, "Goggo Looks for Shloomo," deals with language and hearing skills. The second one deals with math and the third covers cognitive development and visual awareness.

**Elisra signs cooperation agreement with Trak Microwave:** Elisra has signed a cooperation agreement with Trak Microwave of Tampa, Florida, to jointly make and market the synthesizer products developed by each firm. The agreement signed with Trak will enable Elisra's microwave division to market its products in the United States. Trak is one of the world's leading companies in the development and production of military and civilian

microwave components and sub-systems.

**Kal-Dek keeps drivers awake at the wheel:** Kal-Dek Technologies has developed a device to prevent people from falling asleep at the wheel while driving. The device is mounted on the steering wheel and responds to the pressure exerted on the wheel by driver's hands. A pressure sensitive element mounted on the wheel's rim prevents an alarm from sounding during normal driving conditions. A drop in the pressure exerted, which usually happens as a driver begins to doze, activates an alarm that awakens the driver. The device is made to be installed in any vehicle and is patented both in the US and Israel.

**Magic announces partnership deal with Cap Gemini:** Magic Software Enterprises and Cap Gemini recently announced a partnership agreement. According to the terms of the agreement, Cap Gemini will purchase Magic's user client/server system license to be used in Cap Gemini's strategic Credence application. Developed with Magic and marketed by Cap Gemini, Credence is a set of software packages designed to perform strategic accounting functions for financial institutions.

**Motorola's Israel-developed chip speeds up Internet:** Motorola International recently announced that it had switched to the MPC 860 SAR processor, a chip developed entirely by Motorola Semiconductor Israel.

## ◆ BITS AND BYTES ◆

By JENNIFER FRIEDLIN







# Betar, Sporting in 0-0 draw

By DEREK FATTAL

Betar Jerusalem coach Dror Kashtan was full of praise for his side's performance last night at Teddy Stadium, in holding Sporting Lisbon to a goalless draw in the first leg of their European Champions' Cup preliminary tie.

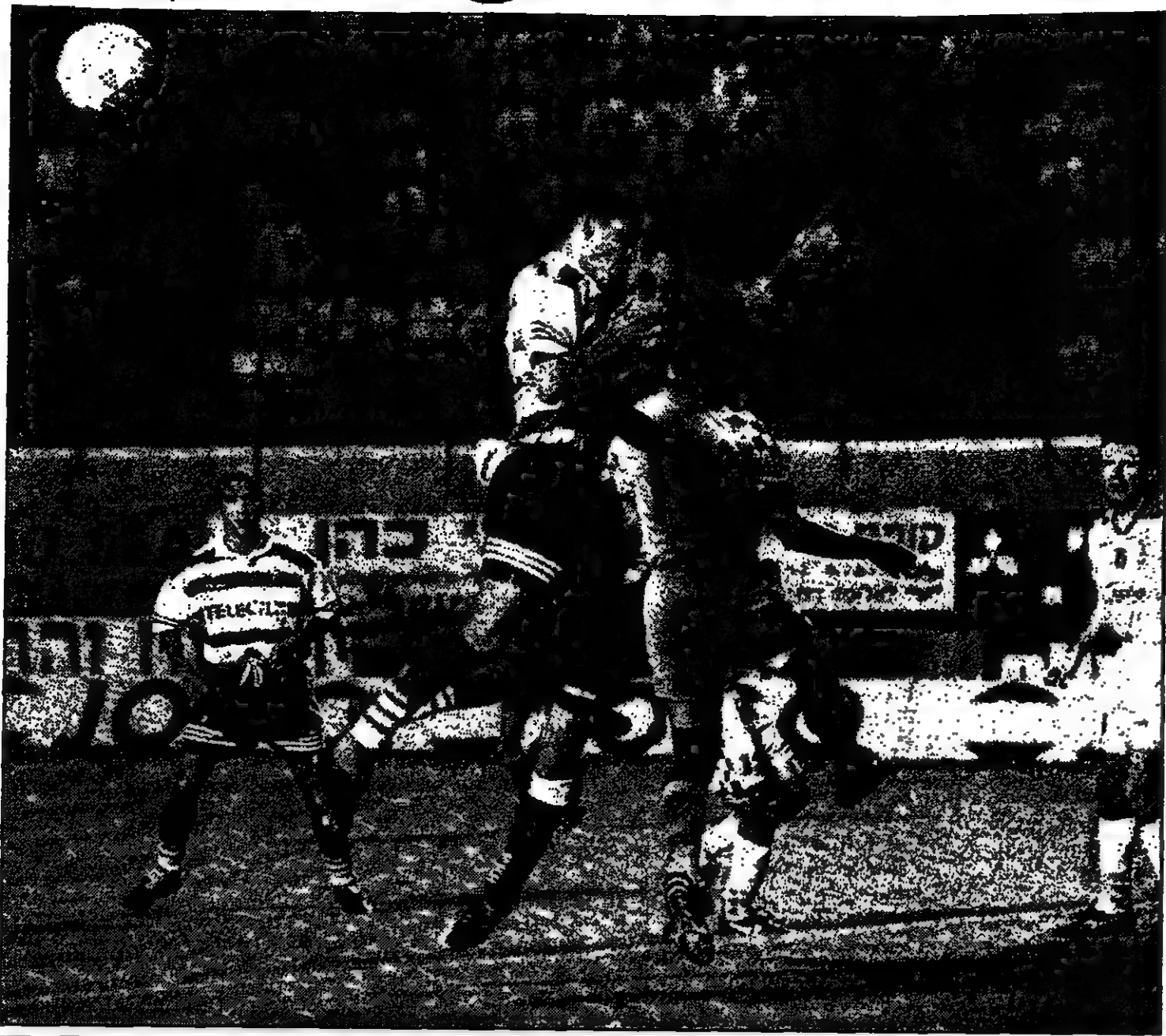
The Jerusalemites had the lion's share of possession in a fevered match packed with passion and incident played before a near capacity crowd of 12,000. Although they created a number of scoring chances Kashtan's men never really showed the level of finishing needed in front of goal to translate territorial dominance into victory. As a result, Sporting now stand as clear favorites to proceed to the Champions' League phase when the sides meet in the return leg in two weeks' time.

On balance the Portuguese had the heart of Betar goalkeeper Itzik Kornfein beating harder than that of his Sporting counterpart, Filip De Wilde. In the 32nd minute, Kornfein dived bravely to take the ball at the feet of Brazilian forward Machado Leandro. Kornfein was called upon to execute a number of telling saves during the course of the match in which the action darted from one end of the stadium to another.

Betar were also on the receiving end of some good fortune when Sporting's Moroccan midfielder Mustapha Hadji took the ball around him in the 84th minute but fired into the side netting when it looked certain that he would bury the ball in the Jerusalem net.

Yossi Abuksis was Betar's most influential player, racing all over the field to send passes forward to Eli Ohana and the side's Hungarian trio. How the Jerusalemites kept their game running at breakneck level is a near miracle in itself. When they had to defend, Tomer Azulai and Sergei Tshirik did so valiantly with the aid of their two fullbacks.

The weak spot in Betar's play was in the last third of the field. Stefan Saloi was simply unable to escape the close attention of his markers, and although Ohana - a European Cup winner with Belgium's Mechelen in the 1980's - continually made space, he only once had a clear shot at goal, when he fired over the bar in the 62nd minute following the best move of the game, a scintillating double-wall pass exchange with Istvan Hamar.



HEADS UP PLAY - Betar Jerusalem's Eli Ohana (11) goes up against Sporting Lisbon in last night's action. Betar's Sergei Tshirik (5) looks on.

By that time Sporting's coach Octavio Machado was evidently content with a draw, as he then proceeded to substitute his main attackers, Leandro and Pedro Barbosa.

Betar then had their best spell of the game causing repeated consternation in the Lisbon goalmouth, but no decisive shots were taken. Unfortunately, the Portuguese defense led by captain Cruz Oceana managed to scramble the ball away in the moments of indecision.

On the basis of last night's performance Betar can hope to avoid a repeat of Maccabi Haifa's 4-0 thrashing two years ago, however it is unlikely that they will triumph in the Portuguese capital. To do so would be to prove once and for all that Israeli soccer deserves a place with the league of Champions.

Sporting Lisbon coach Octavio Machado was confident about victory in the return leg. "This was a very tough match, but with all due

respect to Betar, I still expect us to win when we play in front of our home supporters.

Betar coach Dror Kashtan was very happy with his team's performance, but said the result would make things difficult in the return leg on August 26. "We put on the best show of any Israeli team in the European Champions' League, but we simply could not score, that will make things very difficult in the return leg," he said.

Betar Jerusalem: 1-Itzik

Kornfein, 13-Ra'anan Deri, 5-Sergei Tshirik, 15-Tomer Azulai, 3-David Amalei, 23-Alon Harazi, 19-Istvan Pishont, 9-Stefan Saloi (14-Nir Sevilla 79th), 11-Eli Ohana, 8-Yossi Abuksis (4-Jan Talasnikov 85th).

Sporting Lisbon: 1-Filip de Wilde, 2-Abdelilah Saber, 4-Oceano Cruz, 8-Pedro Barbosa, 10-Mustapha Hadji, 11-Carlos Junior (7-Ivaylo Jordanov 63rd), 14-Dedier Lang, 17-Marco Santos, 18-Leandro Machado (5-Jose Vidal 63rd), 20-Luis Pedrosa.

## Kipketer sets steeplechase world record

ZURICH - Wilson Boit Kipketer of Kenya set a world record in the 3,000-meter steeplechase with a time of seven minutes, 59.08 seconds at the Weltklasse track and field Grand Prix meet yesterday.

Kipketer smashed the mark of 7:59.18 held by fellow Kenyan Moses Kiptanui since 1985.

Veteran Frankie Fredericks upset newly-crowned world champion Maurice Greene to win a star-studded 100 meters.

Namibian Fredericks, fourth in the world championships final, clocked 9.98 seconds while American Greene had to be content with second place in 9.99.

American Tim Montgomery, who took bronze in Athens, was third again in 10.05.

Canadian Donovan Bailey, who lost his world title when he finished second to Greene, was a disappointing eighth.

But he held on to his world record of 9.84 set when he won the Olympic final last year.

Marion Jones, eager to be crowned the women's new sprint queen, will have to wait a while for her coronation after having lost the 100m to veteran Merlene Ottey.

The American world champion failed to match Ottey's strong finish and had to settle for second, one hundredth of a second behind the 37-year-old Ottey who won in 10.96. Olympic champion Gail Devers took third in 11.06.

Former college basketball player Jones was heralded as the women's sprint star of the future after her victory in the 100m final at this month's world championships in Athens when Ottey finished seventh.

Double Olympic champion Michael Johnson, who retained his



Four-time world champion discus thrower Lars Riedel of Germany.

400m world title in Athens despite a season of injuries, had to work hard to win the 400 in 44.31.

American world and Olympic champion Allen Johnson enhanced his position as the leading high hurdler in the world with victory in 13.13 seconds against a headwind.

Lars Riedel of Germany, the four-time world champion, easily won the discus throw, with a heave of 68.84 meters, beating Athens silver medalist Virgilijus Alekna of Lithuania by more than two meters. Riedel's throw was better than his Athens mark of 68.54.

## Garnett rejects \$100 million-plus Timberwolves deal

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) - Not many 21-year-olds would pass up \$103 million. Minnesota Timberwolves forward Kevin Garnett - at least for now - is one who can.

Garnett, who went from erratic rookie to All-Star in his second season, has rejected a six-year, \$103m offer, Timberwolves owner Glen Taylor said Tuesday.

Garnett will earn \$2.1m this season in the final year of his three-year, \$5.5m contract. Taylor said Garnett's agent, Eric Fleisher, is seeking a six-year contract worth at least \$152m.

Taylor said the offer would have paid Garnett slightly better, around \$17.2m on an annual basis, than Shaquille O'Neal's seven-year, \$120m deal with the Los Angeles Lakers.

Taylor said the offer will remain on the table until October 1, after which no contract can be signed until the end of the season. Under the NBA's collective bargaining contract, all players can become free agents at the end of their third year.

Garnett could sign with any team after this season, but other teams would have difficulty fitting Garnett in under the salary cap. The NBA permits teams to sign their own players regardless of the salary cap.

Garnett jumped directly from high school to the NBA. Coming out of Farragut Academy in Chicago, he was the fifth player taken in the 1995 NBA draft. He averaged 10.4 points and 6.3 rebounds in his rookie year, shooting 49 percent from the field.

## Newcastle top Croatia

NEWCASTLE (Reuters) - Midfielder John Beresford scored twice yesterday as Newcastle grabbed a controversial 2-1 victory over Croatia Zagreb to keep alive their hopes of a Champions' League debut.

Beresford had the St James' Park crowd roaring in the 22nd minute with a fine goal in their preliminary round first leg match.

Colombian striker Faustino Asprilla slipped the ball to Rob Lee and Beresford came in from the left to pick up his pass and slot home.

But Newcastle, who last won the English title in 1927 and qualified for the European Cup as league runners-up to Manchester United, were caught napping in the 52nd minute when Igor Cvitanovic was set up by Silvio Maric for the equaliser.

With a difficult second leg looming in two weeks, Beresford put Newcastle ahead again in the 76th with a tap into an empty net after Croatia goalkeeper Drazen Ladice and Asprilla tangled.

The Croatian players protested that Asprilla had pushed Ladice and the match was held up for two minutes.

For Newcastle it was a lucky end to a humid night, with the talented Croats, marshalled by former Real Madrid player Robert Prosinecki, likely to feel cheated of at least an important away draw and possibly more.

Sweden's Gothenburg fired three second-half goals past a bungling Glasgow Rangers defense yesterday to leave the Scottish champions facing an early exit from the European Cup.

Rangers lost 3-0 in their preliminary round first-leg match and now face a virtually impossible task at home in two weeks' time.

After a sleepy first half, with Rangers apparently looking for a draw, the Scots conceded two goals in three minutes.

Rangers goalkeeper Andy Goram was helpless against a 20-meter scorcher from Stefan Pettersson, and three minutes later palmed out a Per Karlsson shot but it had already crossed the line.

Gascoigne, with only 45 minutes play behind him this season, only rarely showed any flashes of inspiration.

In Salzburg: SV Salzburg (Austria) 0, Sparta Prague (Czech Republic) 0.

## India hold off Sri Lankan victory bid

### Essex await winner of Warwickshire-Sussex for NatWest final

COLOMBO (AP) - Veteran campaigner Mohammed Azharuddin and his junior partner Saurav Ganguly staged a timely rescue operation for India to block Sri Lanka's victory chances yesterday, pushing the second and final cricket Test in Colombo to a draw.

The pair pulled India out from a shaky 138 for 4 and had the match under control with a vital 110-run stand for the fifth wicket in 132 minutes while consuming 33.1 overs as the home side pressed hard for a win.

Overall, the day belonged to Azharuddin as he survived three dropped catches on 12, 40 and 51 before moving on to make 108 not out as India finished on 281 for 5 with Ganguly's share being 45.

Azharuddin was first dropped at 12 by Muttiah Muralitharan off his own bowling and later by wicket-keeper Ramesh Kaluwitharana off left-arm spinner Sanath Jayasuriya when on 40.

Jayasuriya in turn missed holding on to a return catch with his right hand stretched out in a desperate attempt only to see the ball hit his hand and race to the boundary.

Azharuddin batted for 227 minutes hitting 14 fours in making his 19th Test hundred.

Aravinda de Silva was awarded the Man-of-the-Match award for his twin centuries while Jayasuriya was adjudged the Man-of-the-Series for an average of 190

which included a score of 340 in the first Test and 199 in the second and final game.

Essex book place in Lord's final Essex booked their place in the NatWest Trophy final when they completed a one-wicket win over Glamorgan yesterday.

In the second semifinal yesterday, Sussex, chasing Warwickshire's total of 342, were 43 for two off 11 overs at close of play at Edgbaston.

The match continues today. The final at Lord's will take place on September 6.

After bad light had brought an early close on Tuesday and an unusually pushing match between England bowlers Mark Ilti and Robert Croft, Essex resumed on 296 for eight, needing a further six runs from 41 deliveries.

Tim Hodgson and Ilti managed three runs from the five balls that Pakistan paceman Waqar Younis bowled to complete his interrupted over but Hodgson then edged Darren Thomas's first ball to the wicketkeeper Adrian Shaw.

The Essex number 11, Peter Such, blocked the next four deliveries before driving the last ball of the over to the boundary to clinch their place in the final at Lord's on September 6.

Meanwhile the England and Wales Cricket Board have decided to wait until the umpires' report

before taking any action over the angry confrontation between Croft and Ilti.

"They are the sole judges of fair and unfair play and it would be wrong to jump the gun before hearing what they had to say," said ECB press officer Brian Murgatroyd.

The two players jostled and traded insults at close quarters on Tuesday after the Essex batsman complained about the poor visibility.

Scores: Glamorgan 301-8 innings closed (60 overs), Essex 303-9 in 55 overs (S.Thomas 5-74).

Scores: Warwickshire 342-3 innings closed (D.Hemp 111 not out, N.Smith 72, D.Ostler 58, A.Moles 56), Sussex 43-2.

Reiffel, Gillespie out for rest of Ashes tour

Australian fast bowlers Paul Reiffel and Jason Gillespie, who started in Australia's fifth consecutive Ashes victory, will take no part in the rest of the Ashes tour. Reiffel has returned home due to complications with his wife's pregnancy, while Gillespie has aggravated a back injury and will not bowl for the rest of the summer.

Their absence opens the door for pacemen Michael Kasprowicz and Braden Julian to be recalled for the sixth and final Test at the Oval August 21-25.

Reiffel was a late call-up into the Australian squad following his first-Test defeat at Edgbaston. The

## Barnes ends Liverpool stay

NEWCASTLE (Reuters) - Former England midfielder John Barnes ended his 10-year association with Liverpool yesterday when he joined Newcastle United on a free transfer.

The club's board announced through the London Stock Exchange he had signed a two-year contract.

Barnes enjoyed a decade of success when Kenny Dalglish, then the Liverpool manager, bought him from Watford in 1987.

He became an integral member of the side which won the league championship in 1988 and 1990 as well as the F.A. Cup in 1989 and then, after Dalglish had left, the League Cup in 1995.

## Avalanche match Rangers' offer to Sakic

DENVER (AP) - They've got a new arena, and now it appears the Colorado Avalanche have the cash to keep their man.

Joe Sakic will be back with the Avalanche after the club matched the New York Rangers' \$21 million offer for the free agent.

Desperately seeking Sakic after losing Mark Messier, the Rangers offered a deal that included an astounding \$15m signing bonus that must be paid up front - a move that was calculated to take advantage of the Avalanche's tight budget.

"The Avalanche's arena situation and the comments they've made publicly about their financial situation definitely factored into our decision to make a bid for Sakic," said Dave Checkers, the president of Madison Square Garden.

Stunned by the offer last week, Colorado general manager Pierre Lacroix insisted the franchise would do everything possible to keep Sakic, who was MVP in the playoffs during the Avalanche's Stanley Cup championship a year ago.

NHL rules gave the Avalanche one week to either match the offer or let Sakic go. Because Sakic is a Group II free agent, the Avalanche would receive the Rangers' next five No. 1 draft choices as compensation.

The 28-year-old Sakic tested the free-agent market after the Avalanche reportedly offered him various contract packages averaging about \$3m a year.

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## English rugby union to get 'Sin bin'

LONDON (Reuters) — Players guilty of professional fouls in English rugby union's new league season can expect to spend 10 minutes in the "sin bin," officials announced yesterday.

Following the lead of the southern hemisphere, the aim is to reduce the number of cynical offenses such as persistent offside or deliberately killing the ball, although exact details of how referees will use the sin bin have still to be finalized.

Former England fly-half Rob Andrew, now in charge of newly-promoted Newcastle, suggested it was an experiment worth encouraging.

"If it doesn't work we can always change it back," he said.

"It'll be interesting to see if it has an effect."

Other changes include the extension of the halftime interval to 10 minutes and the number of replacements extended to six.

The huge rise in the number of non-English players involved at the top clubs has also prompted efforts to sort out the club v country wrangles which proliferated last season.

Kim Deshayes, chief executive of the English Rugby Partnership, which runs the leading leagues, revealed that clubs with five or more players required for international duty would be allowed to postpone fixtures up to 10 days in advance.

What happens if other unions delay their team announcements until the same week as test matches has yet to be determined.

"What we have to do is make sure there is some control over international fixtures," Deshayes said.

The new season, which starts in earnest on August 23 with the first round of league games, will be notable for the vast increase in overseas players tempted to England by the extra cash generated by the sport's switch to professionalism and subsequent TV deals.

Among the new arrivals are French captain Philippe Saint-Andre at Gloucester, Fijians Waisale Serevi and Marika Vunibaka, who have joined South African Joel Stransky at Leicester and Argentine international Augustin Pichot and Rolando Martin at Richmond.

There are several other potential signings in the pipeline, with a chase already in progress for British Lions fly-half Gregor Townsend. He appears set to leave Northampton, with Cardiff leading the queue for his signature.



MOWIN' 'EM DOWN — Roger Clemens fans 13 Minnesota Twins en route to 18th win Tuesday night.

## Clemens becomes season's first 18-game winner

TORONTO (AP) — Roger Clemens became the first 18-game winner in the major leagues, striking out 13 as the Toronto Blue Jays defeated the Minnesota Twins 9-1 Tuesday night.

Clemens (18-4) allowed eight hits and lowered his ERA to 1.66, best in the majors. He walked one in his eighth complete game, tied with teammate Pat Hentgen for most in the AL.

Jacob Brumfield, who entered the game after Otis Nixon was traded to Los Angeles, and Jose Cruz Jr. each hit two-run homers. Shawn Green also homered as Toronto sent the Twins to their fourth straight loss.

Brumfield entered in the second inning, right after the Blue Jays announced that they had traded Nixon to the Dodgers for minor league catcher Bobby Cripps.

Brumfield homered in the third. One out later, Cruz singled, Joe Carter doubled and Shane Bowers (0-2) threw a wild pitch.

White Sox 8, Angels 5  
In Chicago, Albert Belle homered twice to end one of the longest power droughts of his career and the Chicago White Sox beat the Anaheim Angels.

Belle's two-run shot, his 23rd of

the season, capped a three-run seventh inning. Ray Durham and Dave Martinez singled to finish Jason Dickson (11-5), who lost for the first time since June 26.

Belle hit a solo shot in the second, his first homer since July 18, ending a 21-game homerless streak — two short of his longest drought while with the Cleveland Indians. He had the 26th multi-homer game of his career but first since July 1996.

Orioles 8, Athletics 0  
In Baltimore, Scott Erickson pitched a three-hitter and Rafael Palmeiro had three hits, including a three-run homer, as the Baltimore Orioles defeated Oakland.

Palmeiro's 24th home run highlighted a four-run first inning that boosted Baltimore to its 12th win in 15 games. Oakland has lost 11 of 16 and have been blanked in six of its last 21 games.

Both benches emptied in the bottom of the eighth after Oakland pitcher Dane Johnson threw a pitch behind Jeff Reboulet, who voiced his displeasure to catcher Brent Mayne. No punches were thrown, but Reboulet and Mayne were ejected from the game.

The game was played without a public address announcer. The

Orioles shut off the microphone to pay tribute to Rex Barney. (See story below).

NATIONAL LEAGUE  
Giants 7, Reds 3

In San Francisco, Wilson Alvarez struck out nine in 7 1-3 innings and drove in a run with his first major league hit as the San Francisco Giants defeated the Cincinnati Reds 7-3 Tuesday.

Alvarez (2-1), making his third start since the July 31 trade that brought him with pitchers Roberto Hernandez and Danny Darwin from the White Sox for six minor leaguers, allowed three runs on seven hits.

Hernandez relieved Alvarez with two runners on and one out in the eighth, and got five outs for his first NL save.

Barry Bonds broke an 0-for-17 slump with an RBI double for the Giants and J.T. Snow had an RBI single. Jeff Kent, Stan Javier and Darryl Hamilton all added sacrifice flies.

Chris Stynes and pitcher Brett Tomko had RBI singles for the Reds, who made four errors.

Cardinals 5, Mets 2

In St. Louis, Mark McGwire homered, doubled and drove in three runs to lead the Cardinals to only their fourth win in 13 games.

McGwire was just 3-for-35 since being traded from Oakland on July 31. He led off the fourth inning with his second NL homer for a 3-1 lead, then hit a two-run double in the fifth.

Tom Pagnozzi, playing his first game since April 29, hit a two-run homer for St. Louis.

Todd Hundley hit his 26th homer, and second in two days, as the Mets lost for the seventh time in 11 games.

Andy Benes (8-6) allowed two runs and nine hits in 6 1-3 innings. Dennis Eckersley pitched the ninth for his 28th save.

Dave Mickli (5-9) gave up five runs and eight hits in six innings.

Astros 13, Marlins 2

In Houston, Mike Hampton won his seventh straight decision as the Astros ballooned their run total to 40 in four games.

Tim Lincecum, batting .417 in August, hit a two-run homer. James Mouton drove in three runs and Chuckie Carr had three hits, including a solo homer.

The NL Central-leading Astros finished with 16 hits as Hampton (10-7) overcame a career-high seven walks. He allowed five hits and struck out six in seven innings.

The Astros scored four runs in the third and three in the fourth off Al Leiter (8-9).

### NATIONAL LEAGUE LEADERS

BATTING—Gwynn, San Diego, .383; LWalker, Colorado, .381; Piazza, Los Angeles, .361; Lofton, Atlanta, .343; Joyner, San Diego, .335; MaGraw, Chicago, .324; Larkin, St. Louis, .320.  
RUNS—LWalker, Colorado, 106; Biggio, Houston, 105; Bonds, San Francisco, 87; Galarraga, Colorado, 86; Bagwell, Houston, 84; EYoung, Colorado, 76; Mondesi, Los Angeles, 74.  
RBIs—Galarraga, Colorado, 109; Bagwell, Houston, 104; LWalker, Colorado, 87; Gwynn, San Diego, 86; Chones, Atlanta, 84; Kent, San Francisco, 82; Sosa, Chicago, 87; Eickhoff, Colorado, 87.  
HITS—Gwynn, San Diego, 168; LWalker, Colorado, 164; Biggio, Houston, 148; Galarraga, Colorado, 142; Chones, Atlanta, 141; Piazza, Los Angeles, 140; Womack, Pittsburgh, 139; Mondesi, Los Angeles, 139.  
DOUBLES—Grudzielanek, Montreal, 43; LWalker, Colorado, 35; Lansing, Montreal, 34; Morandini, Philadelphia, 34; Bonilla, Florida, 34; Gwynn, San Diego, 33; Chones, Atlanta, 31; Bagwell, Houston, 9; Womack, Pittsburgh, 8; DeShields, St. Louis, 8; WGuerrero, Los Angeles, 7; Womack, Pittsburgh, 6; Randa, Pittsburgh, 6; D'Sanders, Cincinnati, 7; Daulton, Florida, 7; Tucker, Atlanta, 6; EYoung, Colorado, 6; Johnson, Chicago, 6.  
HOME RUNS—LWalker, Colorado, 35; Bagwell, Houston, 32; Galarraga, Colorado, 30; Castilla, Colorado, 28; Bonds, San Francisco, 28; Hundley, New York, 26; Mondesi, Los Angeles, 25; Piazza, Los Angeles, 25; Sosa, Chicago, 25.  
STOLEN BASES—D'Sanders, Cincinnati, 55; Womack, Pittsburgh, 44; DeShields, St. Louis, 38; EYoung, Colorado, 32; Henderson, San Diego, 29; O'Leary, San Diego, 28; McCracken, Colorado, 25; Mondesi, Los Angeles, 25; LWalker, Colorado, 25; Durston, Chicago, 25.  
PITCHING (14 Decisions)—Neagle, Atlanta, 16-2, .889, 2.82; Kile, Houston, 16-3, .842, 2.31; GMaddux, Atlanta, 15-3, .838, 2.31; Estes, San Francisco, 14-4, .778, 3.01; P.J.Martinez, Montreal, 14-5, .737, 1.72; Hamilton, San Diego, 10-4, .714, 4.16; Gardner, San Francisco, 12-5, .706, 3.58.  
STRIKEOUTS—Schilling, Philadelphia, 232; P.J.Martinez, Montreal, 207; Nomo, Los Angeles, 177; KJBrown, Florida, 164; Smoltz, Atlanta, 163; Albenes, St. Louis, 160; Kile, Houston, 158.  
SAVES—Beck, San Francisco, 33; Holman, San Diego, 29; Nen, Florida, 29; Jofrancia, New York, 29; Wohlers, Atlanta, 28; Eckersley, St. Louis, 28; ToWorrell, Los Angeles, 27.

### AMERICAN LEAGUE LEADERS

BATTING—FThomas, Chicago, .347; Ramirez, Cleveland, .336; WClark, Texas, .336; SAlomar, Cleveland, .333; MVaughn, Boston, .332; BeWilliams, New York, .328; Justice, Cleveland, .328; O'Neill, New York, .328.  
RUNS—Knoblauch, Minnesota, 82; GarciaParra, Boston, 81; Griffey Jr., Seattle, 80; Jeter, New York, 83; ElMadriz, Seattle, 83; Cora, Seattle, 82; ToClark, Detroit, 80; BLHunt, Detroit, 80.  
RBIs—TMartinez, New York, 108; Griffey Jr., Seattle, 108; Salmon, Anaheim, 95; FThomas, Chicago, 94; O'Neill, New York, 89; JGonzalez, Texas, 88; ToClark, Detroit, 87.  
HITS—GarciaParra, Boston, 155; Greer, Texas, 143; IRodriguez, Texas, 142; Cora, Seattle, 142; Jeter, New York, 141; GAnderson, Anaheim, 138; O'Neill, New York, 135.  
DOUBLES—MValentin, Boston, 38; Ciriello, Milwaukee, 35; O'Neill, New York, 34; Cora, Seattle, 33; GarciaParra, Boston, 32; AFRodriguez, Seattle, 32; Ramirez, Cleveland, 30.  
TRIPLES—GarciaParra, Boston, 9; Knoblauch, Minnesota, 9; Jeter, New York, 7; Alcega, Anaheim, 7; Damon, Kansas City, 6; Burnitz, Milwaukee, 6; O'Leary, Kansas City, 6; Vizquel, Cleveland, 6; ByAnderson, Baltimore, 6; HOKER, Kansas City, 6; Martinez, New York, 38; Griffey Jr., Seattle, 37; McGwire, Oakland, 34; Thome, Cleveland, 30; ToClark, Detroit, 27; Buhner, Seattle, 27; MVaughn, Boston, 26; FThomas, Chicago, 26; JGonzalez, Texas, 26.  
STOLEN BASES—BLHunt, Detroit, 58; Nixon, Toronto, 47; Knoblauch, Minnesota, 45; TGooden, Texas, 40; Vizquel, Cleveland, 32; Durham, Chicago, 25; AFRodriguez, Seattle, 22.  
PITCHING (14 Decisions)—RJohnson, Seattle, 18-3, .842, 2.35; Clemens, Toronto, 18-4, .818, 1.66; Mussina, Baltimore, 13-4, .765, 3.18; Moyer, Seattle, 12-4, .750, 4.12; Erickson, Baltimore, 14-5, .737, 3.33; Radke, Minnesota, 16-6, .727, 3.29; DWells, New York, 13-5, .722, 3.54.  
STRIKEOUTS—RJohnson, Seattle, 243; Clemens, Toronto, 218; Cone, New York, 214; Mussina, Baltimore, 163; CFInley, Anaheim, 148; Fassero, Seattle, 145; Appier, Kansas City, 145.  
SAVES—MRivers, New York, 36; Ramirez, Baltimore, 34; RHernandez, Chicago, 27; Wetteland, Texas, 25; DoJones, Milwaukee, 24; ToJones, Detroit, 23; Taylor, Oakland, 21.

National League					American League				
East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB	East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	76	46	.620	—	Baltimore	73	41	.640	—
Florida	68	60	.530	5 1/2	New York	68	48	.590	5 1/2
New York	65	53	.550	8 1/2	Toronto	57	60	.487	17 1/2
Montreal	60	57	.513	13	Boston	58	62	.483	18
Philadelphia	41	75	.353	31 1/2	Detroit	55	62	.470	19 1/2
Central Division					West Division				
Houston	66	55	.542	—	Cleveland	59	55	.518	—
Pittsburgh	58	61	.487	6 1/2	Chicago	57	59	.491	3
St. Louis	54	64	.457	10	Milwaukee	57	60	.487	3 1/2
Cincinnati	51	68	.436	12 1/2	Minnesota	51	67	.432	10
Chicago	48	72	.400	17	Kansas City	49	66	.428	10 1/2
West Division					East Division				
San Francisco	67	53	.558	—	Anaheim	66	52	.559	—
Los Angeles	64	56	.536	2 1/2	Seattle	66	52	.559	—
San Diego	57	62	.479	8 1/2	Texas	57	62	.479	9 1/2
Colorado	57	68	.476	10					

Yesterday's NL games: San Francisco 7, Cincinnati 3; Pittsburgh 5, Atlanta 2; St. Louis 5, NY 2; Houston 13, Florida 2; Philadelphia 3, Colorado 4; Chicago 4, Los Angeles 2; San Diego 6, Montreal 4.  
Yesterday's AL games: Milwaukee 5, Seattle 3; Texas 12, Boston 2; Cleveland 7, Detroit 4; Kansas City 5, NY 4; Baltimore 8, Oakland 0; Toronto 9, Minnesota 1; Chicago 6, Anaheim 3.

## Cape Town's Olympic bid gets support from IOC delegates

PRETORIA (AP) — President Nelson Mandela got some surprisingly strong support Tuesday from International Olympic Committee delegates for Cape Town's bid for the 2004 Games.

Mandela met with IOC delegates from Turkey, Uganda, Germany and Mauritius, the latest group to visit South Africa to assess Cape Town's effort before they vote September 5 on the successful bid. The other candidates are Athens, Rome, Stockholm and Buenos Aires.

Delegates are usually reticent to state opinions, but both Turkey and Mauritius echoed Mandela's standard line that the Games should come to Africa, the only "ring" in the Olympic five-ring logo not to host the quadrennial event.

"We must complete the five rings in the logo if we believe in the universality of the Games," said Turkish delegate Sinan Erdem.

"This is a very strong argument for Cape Town," Mauritius delegate Ram Ruhee added. "For the universality of the Olympic games, it has to go to South Africa. Further than that, you have a impressive big and a beautiful city ... and a great constitution showing democracy."

Delegates were asked if South Africa was organizing a "Third World constituency" for its bid.

German delegate Walter Troeger denied there was a North-South split but said: "I think a lot of developing countries have sympathy for South Africa."

Mandela also touted South Africa's transition from apartheid to black-majority rule after the first all-race elections in 1994.

"We have achieved a miracle with a peaceful transition and we are building a new nation, and it's the duty of the international community to assist us," he said.

Mandela was asked whether he would go to Lausanne, Switzerland, where the vote will be held, to do some last-minute lobbying for Cape Town.

"The IOC does not want high-profile leaders at the vote," Mandela told The Associated Press.

"But I'll pay a state visit to Switzerland on September 2, 3 and 4, and I'll pass around and say 'Hi' to Samaranch," Mandela said, referring to IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch.

## Greece fires back at Nebiolo for 'mixing politics with sport'

ATHENS (AP) — The parting shots have turned into bareknuckled blows.

Fans chimed in when they loudly booed the head of the world athletics federation on the final day of the World Championships. Then IAAF President Primo Nebiolo left town suggesting that Greece was too unstable to host the 2004 Olympics — a bid competition seen led by Athens and Nebiolo's choice, Rome.

On Tuesday, Greece's foreign minister lashed back and said Nebiolo "violated the basic rule of athletics by mixing politics with sport." "In sport you can be as fanatic as you want, while fanatics are always wrong when it comes to politics," Theodoros Pangalos said.

His sharp rebuke came after Nebiolo hinted that the political

situation in Greece was too volatile for Athens to host the 2004 Olympic Games.

"You have economic and political problems," Nebiolo said, referring to a "wave of unemployment," political difficulties with Macedonia and Cyprus and fiscal troubles that may push the nation out of the inner circle on European Union single currency plans.

"The Olympic Games won't solve your problems," the powerful Italian head of the International Amateur Athletics Federation told Greece's Mega television on Monday.

Nebiolo made the statement after claiming that Athens' organization of the 10-day World Championships would have "developed into a tragedy" if the IAAF had not intervened.

Nebiolo also described organizers of the World Championships as "mediocre men" and said Greece had the "bad luck not to

find the proper people."

In the second part of the interview broadcast late Tuesday, Nebiolo said Greeks were "crazy" for trying to turn the bid for the 2004 Games into a national issue.

"We Italians deal with the Olympics with great self-control, great attention and a sense of responsibility."

Without citing any names, Nebiolo said there were people at the championships that "didn't deserve my friendship and did not deserve my respect."

His comments were plastered on the front pages of nearly all of Greece's newspapers, and even said political dailies could not restrain themselves from attacking the man many here have taken to calling the "Godfather" of athletics.

"Il Duce Returns. Nebiolo Declares New War," headlined the Athens daily *Eleftherotypia*, in a reference to Benito Mussolini's failed invasion of Greece in 1940.

## Ex-Dodgers pitcher, Orioles announcer Rex Barney dies at 72

BALTIMORE (AP) — Rex Barney, who pitched a no-hitter for the 1948 Brooklyn Dodgers and enjoyed widespread popularity as the Baltimore Orioles' long-time public address announcer, was found dead at his home Tuesday. He was 72.

Barney worked the Orioles' last home game July 30 before a nine-game road trip.

Barney had a mild heart attack in 1995. The year before, he had a leg amputated because of circulation problems associated with diabetes. However, he made a quick recovery and was behind his microphone at the stadium within weeks.

The Orioles planned to honor Barney at Tuesday night's home game against Oakland.

"Obviously, the entire organization is shocked and overwhelmed with sadness. He's a legend," Maroon said.

Barney, a right-hander from Omaha, Nebraska, played with the Dodgers from 1943 to 1950 before retiring at age 25. Few pitchers threw harder, but Barney's problem was getting the ball over the plate. He finished with 410 walks and 336 strikeouts.

Only in 1948 did Barney strike out more hitters than he walked (138-122). On Sept. 9 of that season he no-hit the New York Giants, putting 75 of his 116 pitches in the strike zone in a 2-0 victory.

That was the highlight of his best season in the majors.

Barney went 15-13 with a 3.10 ERA in 1948, registering four shutouts and 12 complete games.

Unfortunately, he was never able to duplicate that success.

Barney went 9-8 in 1949, walking 89 and striking out 80. He bottomed out in 1950, going 2-1 with a 6.42 ERA and a 48-23 strikeout-walk ratio.

Barney was 35-31 with a 4.34 ERA in 155 career games. He was 0-2 in the World Series with the Dodgers, losing games in both 1947 and 1949.

## Warne's celebrations panned at home

SYDNEY (AP) — Shane Warne terrorized England's batsmen, inflamed its crowds and fired up its press.

Now the world's best paid cricketer is considered "a goose" at home as well.

Warne celebrated Australia's 3-1 Ashes triumph over England with a hip-shaking dance as he twirled a stump and then poured champagne over his own head and those of some spectators standing below him.

Warne's antics followed an outburst in England after the leg-spinner gave a one-finger salute to fans at the Old Trafford Test. Last week, in a game against county team Somerset at Taunton, vice-captain Steve Waugh complained that the crowd was over-zealous in heckling Warne, and police were called to remove some fans.

Patrick Smith, a leading sports-writer for Melbourne newspaper *The Age*, told his readers Tuesday that "Shane Warne has made a goose of himself."

He said that Australia's win was



NAUGHTY BOY — Even many of Shane Warne's own countrymen thought his celebrations were over-zealous.

an accomplishment worth getting excited about but Warne's actions were those of "a five-year-old boasting at marbles."

"His provocative and immature actions have sullied a fine victory by

the Australians," Smith wrote. "It was exhibitionism. It was arrogant. It was unbecoming of an Australian cricketer. With victory comes dignity. With Warne comes a lack of class."

## Mark Taylor wins praise from top Aussie selector

SYDNEY (Reuters) — Mark Taylor, whose future as Australia's cricket captain is in doubt despite leading his side to an Ashes series win against England, on Tuesday won glowing praise from chairman of selectors Trevor Hohns.

"I think Mark's performance during the Ashes series was inspiring and it says a lot about the sort of man he is," said Hohns, Australia's senior Test selector.

"Mark and the whole team did a terrific job under enormous pressure and we're very proud of them," he told Reuters.

Taylor has yet to indicate whether he wants to lead Australia against New Zealand and South Africa at home during the coming southern hemisphere summer.

After leading Australia to an unassailable 3-1 lead against England with a crushing win in the fifth Test at Trent Bridge, Nottingham, on Sunday, Taylor said he would only consider saying on

if he had the selectors' whole-hearted support.

"Mark went to England under the biggest barrage of criticism that I've ever seen," Hohns said. "Not only did he lead the side to victory but Mark also came back into a bit of form himself." The burly left-handed opener scored 76 and 45 in the fifth Test against England at Trent Bridge.

Hohns said no discussion had taken place about Taylor's position beyond the current series, which ends at The Oval, venue for the sixth and final Test, starting on August 21.

"Australia's schedule over the last 18 months is probably the most hectic ever undertaken by an Australian team but they came through it all unbeaten in any Test series," Hohns said.

"That says a lot about the team and the captain." Since taking over from Allan Border in 1994, Taylor has led Australia to seven Test

series wins — against England and West Indies twice, South Africa, Sri Lanka and Pakistan.

Losses in a Test series in Pakistan and a defeat in a one-off Test in India have blemished his record as captain.

But Taylor's personal form over the past 12 months has not mirrored his team's success. In 20 Test innings, Taylor failed to reach 50, prompting a highly vocal lobby for his removal before and during the Ashes tour.

Taylor answered his critics with a defiant century in the first Test against England in Birmingham in early June.

That innings was not enough to stop England taking a 1-0 lead in the series but proved a significant moment for the team's fortunes, according to Hohns.

"It was definitely a turning point," he said. "It put the captaincy issue to rest and allowed the team to concentrate on playing cricket."



# Weekender

## Amazing Graceland

Twenty years after his death, the legend of Elvis Presley keeps growing

By WOODY BAIRD

OK, so he ended up strung out on drugs and fat. But Elvis was cool when it counted.

Now, 20 years after his death, he still is king. In fact, his place in American pop culture may still be growing — even the new hit movie *Men in Black* includes an Elvis gag, a sly reference to his being, well, somewhere else in the universe.

Tens of thousands of Elvis fans will return to Memphis, as they do each August, to mark the anniversary of his death and visit Graceland, the white-columned house Presley lived in most of his career. He died there at age 42 on August 16, 1977.

Graceland gets some 750,000 visitors a year and is the center of the Elvis galaxy.

"It gives the Elvis fans an actual physical space in which to congregate and sort of reinforce a sense of themselves as a community," says Gilbert Rodman, a communications professor at the University of South Florida. "Even at their most extreme, they can feel a sense of normalcy."

For the Graceland pilgrims, Elvis is still remembered as "the absolute model of cool," says Karal Ann Marling, a professor of American studies at the University of Minnesota and author of *Graceland: Going Home with Elvis*. And Graceland's managers, led by Elvis Presley Enterprises Inc., work hard to maintain Presley's image as a courteous, charming, and always loved his mama.

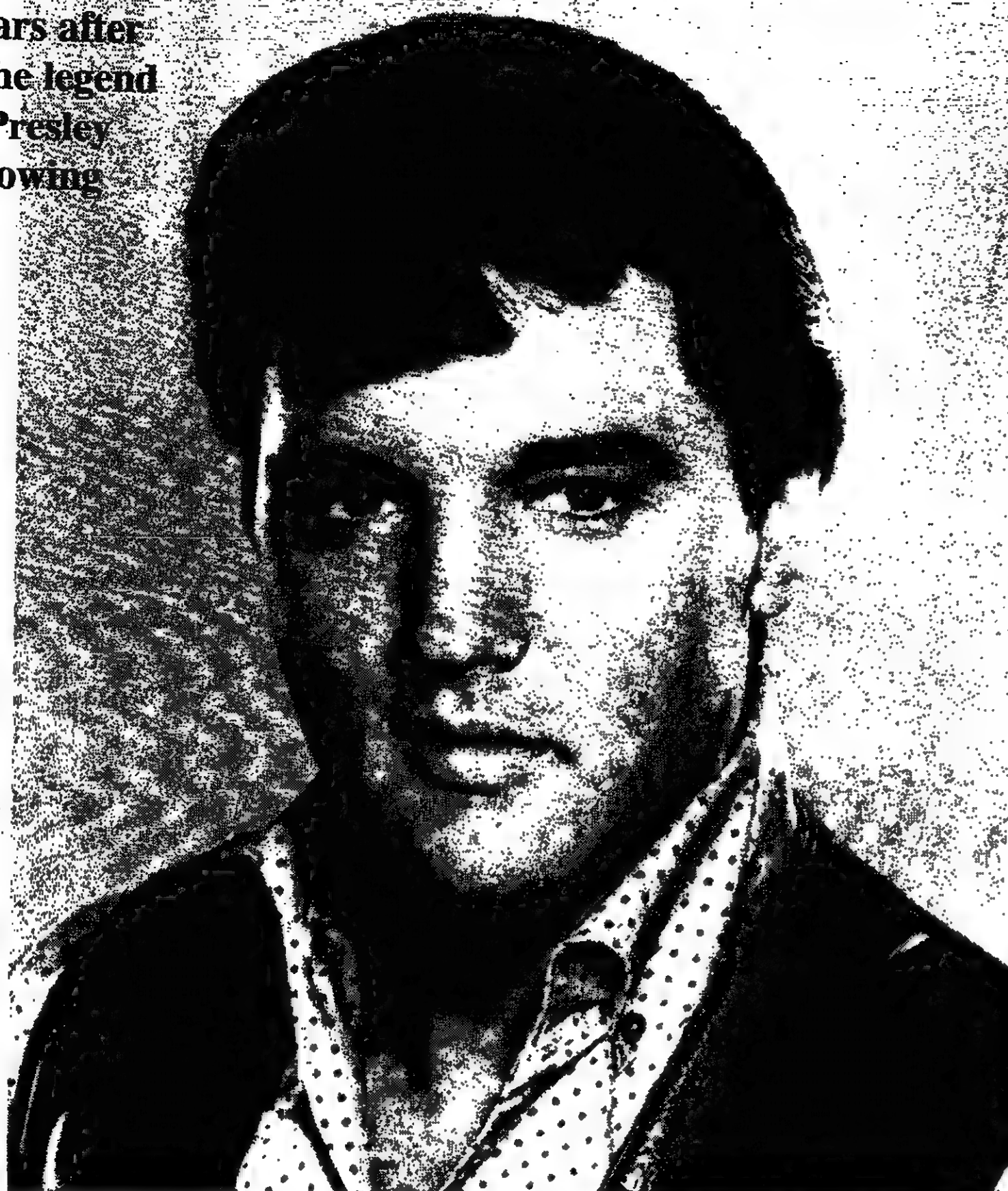
Hard to find is any mention of the prescription drugs that hastened his death, the shot-out TV sets, eating binges, and other excesses that marked much of his life.

Detractors focused on Elvis' excesses often point to adventures like the famous late-night excursion to Denver aboard his private jet loaded with friends. His mission? To pick up a tray of peanut-butter sandwiches.

At Graceland, such stories take an upbeat twist.

"That becomes characteristic of somebody who was just full of life and fun to be around," Marling says. "It's that kind of adaptation that's kept Elvis going." But no matter how much fun Elvis was, he clearly was no businessman. He spent his money as fast as he got it. When he died, his estate was valued at less than \$5 million, and the Internal Revenue Service had its eye on that.

In 1982, ex-wife Priscilla Presley, the mother of Elvis' only child and heir, Lisa Marie, put together a management team that opened Graceland to public tours



and won exclusive legal rights to his name and image.

Now Elvis is atop a multimillion-dollar enterprise doing business around the globe. Graceland and its sprawling complex of souvenir shops and museums bring in more than \$15m. annually. Not bad, when you consider Elvis bought the place in 1957 for \$100,000.

When Priscilla Presley and Jack Soden, the estate's chief executive, opened Graceland, admission was \$5 a head. Now the deluxe tour runs \$18.50 for adults, and most visitors go home with at least a T-shirt or coffee mug. Many really load up on trinkets — Elvis earnings, dolls, teddy bears, key rings — after visiting the eternal

flame that sits above Presley's grave beside Graceland.

Soden says Elvis and Graceland have become symbols of the 1950s and '60s when pop music was upbeat and fun, and a cool cat could strut his stuff. More than 50 percent of Graceland's visitors are under 35, and business is good worldwide.

"It's not just Graceland. It's things bearing the name and likeness of Elvis Presley," Soden says. "It's videotapes of his movies. It's record sales from RCA. Everything on a worldwide basis keeps growing." Now the estate has launched a new venture, a nightclub called Elvis Presley's Memphis. It's on historic Beale Street in downtown Memphis, and

more clubs are planned around the country and abroad.

Whether that venture is successful, as it likely will be, is immaterial, however, to Presley's popularity. His place in pop culture is secure, partly because he can be seen so differently by different people, Rodman says. Elvis took no political stands and spoke little about his views. He didn't write about himself, and he sang other people's music.

"On one hand, he was a macho figure in leather thrashing his pelvis around, and he was also this baby-faced crooner of love ballads to moon-eyed teenage girls. Both worked at the same time," says Rodman, who turned his doctoral

thesis into a book called *Elvis After Elvis: The Posthumous Career of a Living Legend*. That helps explain why, two decades after his death, Elvis commands such devotion. And Graceland, the easily accessible focus of the adoration and wonder, helps keep the popularity growing.

"From the time he bought the place, Graceland and Elvis were inextricably linked," Rodman says. "New York stars are tucked away in brownstones or penthouse apartments, and there's no pedestrian neighborhood in Beverly Hills. You're not going to get huge crowds hanging around the gates of a Park Avenue apartment building," he concludes. (AP)

## Incog-neato

By AMY KLEIN

On Thursday nights, the weekend begins not so inconspicuously at Incognito. Twenty-some things, the types you'd find at late-night German Colony coffee shops, are dressed in black and brown, casually leaning against the bamboo bar, with the Old City walls lit up in the background. That and the clear, starry sky overhead in the outdoor section of the party are largely ignored by the crowd — a cocktail-party, gin-and-tonic set which, after midnight, is still sparse. Not to worry.

The summer parties at Incognito, downstairs of Jerusalem's Cinematheque, are known as the best dance parties in Jerusalem. They are brought to you by the same people who run Ha'uman 17 in the winter, and Barambon, the student club at the Hebrew University.

Twenty-three and over is the rule for Thursday night; age ranges to the big 4-0, though it's mostly under 30s. The doors open at 10:30 p.m.; nobody who is anybody shows up before midnight, when the lines slowly begin to snake around the entrance.

Until 1:30 there's '70s and '80s music — "Flashdance," Bee Gees, Joan Jett, etc. Not necessarily great dance music but nostalgia galore. At 1:30 a.m., on the nose, the music changes to the locally popular dance music. That's when the party starts to happen. In the semi-dark, orange sponge-painted room, dancers get three inches of space to grind away. The kitschy-but-fun strobe lights give their surrealistic slow-motion effect (nary a disco ball to be found).

Go outside to get some air. There, aside from the bar and the skyline, it's one big patio, which by about 2 a.m. is also hard to squeeze through. There are about 500 people in all.

Beer at the indoor and outdoor bars is NIS 13, mixed drinks NIS 18, the hardest liquor, NIS 25. No food is served.

Our entertainers for the evening, who are meant to make sure the party is rolling, are Mr. Roarke and Tattoo. No, just kidding. Tonight it's a Jojo-type pair of detectives sporting gold chains, fake guns, wigs, and bottles of tequila. These two guys dress up every week (as Mexicans, women, etc.), weaving through the party, shouting, performing, and giving out free drinks.

If you're a real serious partyer, you'll stay past 3:30 when the music changes to super trance (as if trance weren't enough) until dawn. But you'll have the next night to rest because you can't come back on Friday. No respectable university student would be caught dead there on a Friday night, when Incognito is for soldiers and their friends. The crowd is more ram-bunctious: midriff-baring and louder, our nation's protectors let off some steam.

"People say Tel Aviv is the only place for a party," said Assaf, one partygoer who chose to hang out on the patio, "but look at this skyline. Only Jerusalem has this."

Admission to Incognito runs from NIS 25 to NIS 40. Membership, which gives a number of benefits, is available.

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## Movies on my mind

Noted lawyer and author Alan Dershowitz talks to Jonathan Tepperman about his favorite — and least favorite — films



said that the defendant (von Bülow) was innocent. At the end of the movie, you're totally uncertain, even though he's been found not guilty."

2. *Crimes and Misdemeanors* "Instead of simple films with simple portrayals of the law, I like gray areas. So there's *Crimes and Misdemeanors*. Now, I hate Woody Allen. I used to love him, but then I ended up representing Mia Farrow and that changed. But *Crimes and Misdemeanors* is still a great film. I thought the movie was excellent for the gray areas, for how it dealt with the subtle ways in which crime and innocence are interwoven in life. It's the same in *Crime and Punishment*, which is my favorite book. Good and evil are sometimes impossible to distinguish."

3. *Citizen Kane* "Again, it's obvious, but I love this film. It's a very subtle movie about a complex life in which you cannot distinguish good from the evil in the main character. You can't pass judgment on Charles Foster Kane, the central figure. It's like Shakespeare. This was Shakespeare's genius: He prevents you from separating right from wrong. Hardly any characters in Shakespeare are pure villains, and this is true to life. This is what makes a film great, or a book great, and allows you to read it through the centuries. Great art is like a Rorschach test. It creates an interactive relationship between the artist and the viewer over time."

4. *The Nasty Girl* "This is a German film about the Holocaust, and I'll tell you, it's a lot better than *Schindler's List*. In *Schindler's List*, things were simple. In *The Nasty Girl* they're not, and again you're left with great difficulty nearly separating good from evil or right from wrong."

Alan Dershowitz is the lawyer who needs little introduction: first, because his high-profile clients (Mia Farrow, Mike Tyson, Leona Helmsley) and best-selling books have vaulted him to international fame; and second, because the aggressive author of *Chutzpah* is apt to introduce himself before you ever get the chance to do it for him.

The Harvard professor has 13 books under his belt and two films: *Reversal of Fortune*, which dramatizes his successful appeal of Claus von Bülow's murder conviction, and *The Advocate's General* (due out this fall), an adaptation of Dershowitz's novel of the same name. When asked to list his favorite movies, he led with the one he hates the most.

### LEAST FAVORITE

To *Kill a Mockingbird* "I hate this movie because it has created a phony expectation, namely that defense lawyers represent innocent people. This is objectionable because, quite simply, they don't. If the maker of that film had had any guts, he would have made the defendant guilty, not innocent. I hate movies about the law which glorify lawyers for doing the right thing. This creates the Perry Mason-ization of the law. In truth, it's easy to defend innocent people — it takes no courage. Defending guilty clients is much more interesting. The question is how you treat the most despised in our society, not how you treat the innocents. The more interesting story would have been: Would Atticus Finch (the lawyer in the film) have defended a black man who was guilty?"

### FAVORITE

1. *Reversal of Fortune* "Obviously. Of course this is my favorite [since it was based on a Dershowitz book and stars Ron Silver as none other than Alan Dershowitz]. But I like it because it was extremely accurate, first of all, and didn't oversimplify the legal issues. And second, it never

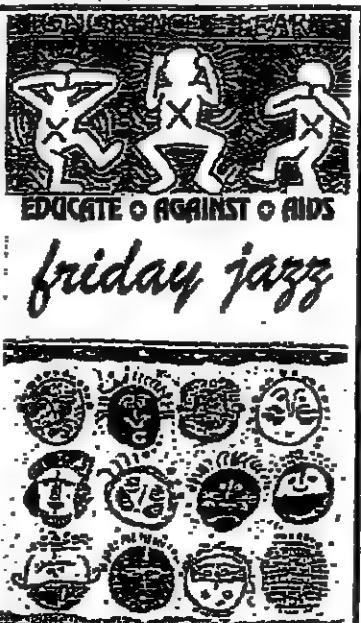
OR IF you prefer your Jerusalem a little more classical, conductor Eli Freud and the Jerusalem Chamber Orchestra might have just what you need. Tonight's Summer Serenade program includes works by Haydn, Handel, Janacek and Mozart. The baton drops at 8:30 on the Notre Dame Center terrace.

### And Points Beyond

SOME YEARS back, hearing the words "Jewish Whiffenpoof" might have sent your Bubbe to the floor of her Causkill kitchen in a shock-induced fainting spell. But the days of the officially unofficial Ivy League Jewish quota system are long over. And even the once WASPY Yale Whiffenpoofs have a set of sabra lungs adding to their lifting a-cappella harmonies. The group performs tonight at Haifa's Louis Promenade, just below the Dan Carmel Hotel. The beautiful music starts at 8:30.

THE WHITE Tower in Ramle is the place to be tonight for an all-night music-and-dance happening. The promoters promise, among other things, Indian and Persian dance performances and all kinds of groovy people. Call (03) 620-3078, (03) 629-3856.

Tower), the Sultan's Pool and the Khutor Hayotzer Arts and Crafts Center. For ticket information, call (02) 625-6869, (02) 624-0896 or (03) 604-4725. For tour information, call (02) 620-3466, (02) 620-3461 or (03) 571-2681.



THE TZOOF Bar presents an evening of jazz tomorrow to raise money for the Jerusalem AIDS Project. Proceeds from the NIS 20 cover charge all go to this worthy cause. The music starts at 3 p.m. Call (02) 551-5670 or (02) 655-2714 (daytime work hours) for more information.

charge to watch — or to perform. Call (03) 528-8827.

TODAY'S THE first of the Thousand Nights evening bazzars in old Jaffa. Call (03) 524-3773 for further details.

### Jerusalem

THE WORDS "arts and crafts" to the average person (OK, average American) usually conjure up images of uncooked macaroni, construction paper, glue, glitter and yarn. But no more. The arts-and-crafts revival is gaining momentum globally. And Jerusalem is no exception, as the city hosts the International Arts and Crafts Fair through August 24.

Exhibits come from such far-flung locales as China, Malawi, Myanmar (formerly Burma) and Bolivia. Crafters will be on hand to show you how they do what they do. There will also be plenty of food and live music, not to mention guided tours of all the places you've been meaning to get to but never quite seem to have the time for.

Big-name craftsmen's appearances at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday include a demonstration of pottery by David Ben-Zion and a demonstration of jewelry by David Ben-Zion. The fair is open daily (except for Jewish holidays) from 6 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. The three nearby venues: Mitchell Garden (next to David's

Building to check out work by the school's graduating photographers.

If all those computerized bells and whistles don't move you, it's a safe bet that Gil Lerner's "guest worker" photographs will. Though this work is not digital, it's anything but old-fashioned. Both shows close August 25.

TONIGHT JOAN Dornemann of New York City's Metropolitan Opera leads an evening of International Opera Singers. Some 80 participants lend their voices to the Mozart program of selections from *The Magic Flute* and *The Marriage of Figaro*. The songs begin at 8 at the Tel Aviv Conservatory of Music.

THE INTRIGUINGLY titled comedy Ben Hur and the Rabbi's Wife plays this weekend at Beit Lessin. The show starts at 8:30 p.m. Call (03) 694-1111 for more details.

THE ERETZ Yisrael Museum provides the backdrop for tonight's performance of Matti Golan's *Fog*. The action centers on the court-martial that follows a fatal army accident. The play starts at 9. Call (03) 643-6888 for more details.

THE ACTOR, star of the show, is around show-off in you can get some satisfaction tonight at a free table open mike at the community center, near Gan Sheinkin. The show starts at 8:30 and there's no

## Hot tips

By KAREN SULKIS

### Tel Aviv

THE GENIUSES behind *Toy Story* had better watch their backs. They've got nothing on Ether, the exhibition by this year's graduates of the computer art and multimedia program at Camera Obscura. Walking into the lobby of the Chai Insurance Building (at the corner of Derech Petah Tikva and Rehov Harekevet) is like entering a computer-generated wonderland. Your kids will really love the installation tucked way inside, where they can sound like *Star Wars* R2D2 just by waving their hands near a couple of electrode-laden poles. You'll just stand there agog, wondering where to point-and-click next.

You can take in the Ether, Sundays through Thursdays from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. and Saturday nights from 9 to 11:30. And while you're there, remember to dash across Harekevet to the Strigamish





## A La Carte

### The first vegetarian?

By DANIEL ROGOV

Belshazzar, the tyrant who ruled Ancient Babylonia and conquered all of Mesopotamia, was not particularly loved by his subjects. His subjects detested him not only because he imposed extremely high taxes on them, but also because the officers in his army had the right to summarily execute anyone they decided was not paying his taxes on time. Even the generals in his army were not fond of the king. He kept spies in nearly every household and the generals quickly learned that they were as easy to execute as slaves.

One of Belshazzar's few saving graces was the dinner parties he gave. It was the king's habit to host a dinner several times every year to which he would invite all of the nobles in his kingdom and all of the generals in his armies.

What surprises modern historians is that the most prized dishes at the king's parties were not the huge roasts of beef, exotic fish or stuffed chickens that were so popular at that time. Because Belshazzar rarely ate meat, the dishes he most enjoyed were salads. At one of his dinners, the king's cooks prepared 64 different salads, all of which were served buffet style on tables piled high with raw turnips, carrots, leeks and onions, some served with honey, others with a sauce of red wine and vinegar and others simply with lemon juice.

Whether as light lunches or as complements to full meals, salads have never lost their popularity. Each of the following recipes comes from a different Mediterranean nation and, unless otherwise noted, the recipes will serve 8.

#### COUNTRY SALAD

A traditional salad from Marseilles

2-3 red lettuces  
2 curly lettuces  
1 clove garlic, halved  
1 bunch watercress  
1/2 cup basil leaves  
about 1/2 cup vinaigrette sauce  
8 slices bread, without crusts  
2 Tbsp. butter  
250 gr. goat's cheese, sliced  
about 1/2 cm. thick  
6 tinned pear halves, cut into cubes

Tear the lettuce leaves by hand and place them into a salad bowl that has been rubbed with the garlic halves. Add the watercress and basil leaves and sprinkle with the vinaigrette sauce. Toss well.

Cut the bread slices into rounds about 3 cm. in diameter. In a heavy skillet, melt the butter and in this fry the bread rounds on both sides until nicely toasted.

On each bread round, place a small slice of the goat's cheese.

Several minutes before ready to serve the salad, place the bread and cheese in a medium oven and heat just until the cheese is melted and bubbling.

To serve, toss the salad again, sprinkle with the walnuts and pear pieces and over all lay the toast slices with the cheese. Serve at once.

#### MINTED PEA SALAD

A French recipe

5 cups peas, fresh or frozen  
1/2 cup mayonnaise  
1/2 cup sour cream  
1 1/2 Tbsp. Dijon mustard  
1/2 cup mint leaves, chopped  
3 Tbsp. chives or green parts of spring onions, chopped  
lettuce leaves for serving  
cherry tomatoes, halved, for garnish

In a saucepan with lightly salted boiling water, cook the peas, uncovered, until barely tender. Drain and immediately run under cold water. Drain again.

Combine the mayonnaise, sour cream and mustard and pour this mixture over the peas. Add the mint and chives and toss gently, coating the peas with the dressing. Serve on lettuce leaves and garnish with the cherry tomatoes.

#### EGGPLANT AND ARTICHOKE SALAD

A Spanish recipe

1/2 kg. small eggplants  
2 green peppers  
2 red peppers  
2 large onions  
1/2 kg. tomatoes, cut in wedges  
8 artichoke hearts, cooked and sliced  
1/2 cup each olive oil and lemon juice  
4-6 cloves garlic, chopped finely  
2 Tbsp. parsley, minced  
2-3 tsp. capers  
salt and white pepper to taste

6 hard boiled eggs, cut in wedges, for garnish

Place the eggplant, peppers and onions in a roasting pan and bake in a medium oven for 30-40 minutes, turning occasionally. Peel the eggplant and peppers and cut in thin strips. Slice the onions.

Transfer the vegetables to a serving dish and add the tomato and artichoke hearts.

In a small bowl, beat together the oil, lemon juice, garlic, parsley, capers and salt and white pepper to taste. Pour these over the vegetables and mix gently.

Refrigerate. Serve chilled decorated with the egg wedges.

#### SPINACH SALAD WITH HONEY AND ORANGES

A recipe from the Hotel de Paris, Monaco

1/2 kg. fresh spinach, well washed and with stems discarded  
2 Tbsp. lemon juice or vinegar  
1/2 large celery root, peeled and cut into matchsticks  
1/2 small head red cabbage, shredded finely  
3 oranges, peeled and separated into sections  
1 grapefruit, peeled and separated into sections  
4 spring onions, sliced  
1 avocado, peeled, seeded and sliced  
3 Tbsp. honey  
1/4 cup juice from the oranges and grapefruit  
1/2 tsp. paprika  
salt and pepper to taste  
6 Tbsp. oil  
2 Tbsp. parsley, chopped very finely

Wash the spinach again and then pat dry between paper toweling. To a saucepan with lightly salted boiling water, add the lemon juice and then plunge in the celery root, all at once and let cook for 4-5 minutes. Drain and rinse under cold water.

In a salad bowl, combine the spinach, cabbage and celery root. Add the orange and grapefruit sections and the spring onions. Just before serving, add the avocado slices.

Combine the remaining ingredients in a jar. Close, mix well, taste and correct the seasoning if necessary. Toss the salad with the dressing and serve on chilled plates.

#### GREEN SALAD WITH MUSHROOMS AND WALNUTS

A recipe from Da Lila Restaurant in Nice

3 Tbsp. each walnut oil and olive oil  
2 Tbsp. white wine vinegar  
salt and pepper to taste  
250 gr. small mushrooms, cleaned and sliced thinly  
2 small heads lettuce, washed and dried  
about 1 cup Roquefort or other blue cheese, crumbled  
1 cup walnut meat, chopped coarsely  
1/2 cup chives or green parts of spring onions, chopped

In a jar, combine the oils, vinegar and salt and pepper to taste. Cover and shake well. Pour the dressing over the mushrooms, toss well and let stand to marinate for 1 hour.

Just before serving the salad, tear the lettuce into bite-sized pieces and place in a salad bowl. Sprinkle with the crumbled cheese and walnuts. Pour the mushrooms and dressing over the salad, sprinkle with the chives and toss well. Serve immediately.

#### MACARONI SALAD

An Italian recipe

4 cups elbow macaroni  
6 Tbsp. lemon juice  
1/2 cup olive oil  
2 cups celery, diced  
2 cups parsley, chopped finely  
1 cup green olives, halved and pitted  
1 cup sour cream  
1/2 cup chives or green parts of spring onions, chopped  
1/2 cup pimiento, chopped  
black pepper to taste  
lettuce leaves for serving

In a large saucepan, bring 4 liters of lightly salted water to a rapid boil and slowly add the macaroni. Cook, maintaining the boil until the macaroni is tender (10-12 minutes), drain and run immediately under cold water. Transfer to a large mixing bowl.

Beat together the lemon juice and olive oil and pour the mixture over the cooked macaroni. Toss well, cover and chill for 2-3 hours. Add the remaining ingredients and toss well. Serve cold on lettuce leaves.

# Weekender Food & Drink

## Phyllis's Notebook

### Waste not, want not

By PHYLLIS GLAZER

My grandmother Rose Soroka always saved our crusts of stale bread to feed to the pigeons in our driveway. She moistened the crusts carefully, tore them into crumbs, and threw them over the landing on the back stairs to her awaiting flock.

Stale bread never made it into the garbage in our house. There was bread pudding and lots of French toast. There were bread crumbs, for meatloaf and stuffings, and sometimes there were croutons. And the rest was for the birds.

My neighborhood grocery store is stocked with an ever-increasing array of pseudo-bread — the lite kind so thin it could never be satisfying, let alone nutritious. Yet at the same time, good-quality boudin, breads than ever before are on the store's shelves, and these are a shame to waste.

Homemade croutons are a great way to utilize leftover bread, and they also add a personal flair to salads, soups, and — when cut finely — to baked dishes and sautéed vegetables.

Croutons don't have to be boring dice-sized cubes. They can be thick and still slightly soft inside, slices, hearts or other shapes. They



can be sautéed in butter or olive oil and then, while still warm, garnished with finely chopped fresh or dried oregano, thyme, or basil, plus a sprinkling of Parmesan cheese.

#### BAKED CROUTONS

Baked croutons are a lower-fat choice. Cut bread into equal-sized pieces, season, and scatter in a single layer on a baking pan lined with parchment paper. Bake at low heat, about 150°C-160°C, for between 15 and 25 minutes till the croutons are crisp but not hard, opening the oven and stirring them occasionally. (You also can bake them in the heat remaining in the oven after you have baked something else.) Store the croutons in a tightly closed container.

#### CROUTON SQUARES IN OLIVE OIL & HERBS

1/2 cup olive oil  
6 cloves of garlic, crushed  
1 heaping Tbsp. chopped parsley  
4 Tbsp. chopped basil  
10 slices of whole wheat or country-style bread  
coarsely ground pepper and salt

Preheat the oven to 180°C. In a small bowl, mix oil, garlic, parsley, and basil. Remove crusts from the bread (save for the birds) and brush one side of the bread with the oil mixture. Cut each slice into 4.

Sprinkle with salt and pepper, and bake 15 minutes, turning once and lightly brushing the oil mixture on the other side.

## Rogov's Shopping Basket

### The question of additives

By DANIEL ROGOV

In recent weeks, I have received an increasing number of letters asking why I object so vehemently to the use of stabilizers, preservatives, materials to prevent oxidation and materials that are said to enhance the color, flavors and aromas of the food products someone or other is trying to sell us.

As are all intelligent consumers, I am aware of the increasing amount of evidence that indicates such additives may be carcinogenic. This evidence, as tentative as it may be, is reason enough to avoid such materials, especially in excess, until the debate is settled with finality.

Even if these materials might one day be demonstrated to be relatively harmless, my problems with them would not decrease. I remain as convinced today as in the past that the more additives a product contains, the less good it will taste. It is not that such products are bad or even bad for us — the problem is that they are overly commercial and lacking in excitement, charm or the potential to add beauty to either my life or my meals.

Companies add taste and scent materials to hide the fact that mass production has diminished the natural flavors and aromas of their products. They add coloring agents because they are convinced that brighter colored foods sell better than those that are pale in color. They add preservatives, stabilizers and anti-oxidizing agents to give their products as long a shelf-life as possible.

Not one of these additives adds to the pleasure or well-being of potential diners. They are added for the convenience and profit of producers, supermarkets and other stores where food is sold.

In America and in Europe, increasing numbers of consumers, some urged on by overly hysterical health reasons, others for aesthetic reasons, are refusing to purchase additive-enhanced products. Locally, as if many of our large food producing companies were unaware of either the flavor loss invariably caused by the use of such materials or of the potential health threats, additives continue to be the rule rather than the exception.

Vita, for example, has just released a series of seven sauces, each of which comes in a plastic container with a capacity of 2 kg. The sauces are considered by the company as appropriate for the home or the institutional market and nearly all contain generous helpings of preservatives, stabilizers and anti-oxidizing agents.

I sampled two of these sauces, the tomato sauce for pasta and the Thousand Island sauce for salads. Largely because I have never found a good sauce in a 2 kg. or larger container, I had few positive

expectations. Going beyond the additives, the tomato sauce, which is called Italian Pasta Sauce, also contains tomatoes, water, vegetable oils, onions, salt, garlic, sugar, herbs, spices and basil. Heated on its own, as instructed, the sauce had far too much resemblance to ketchup and not enough to anything any Italian would be proud of. When I enriched it by adding sautéed garlic and onion, a mixture of Provencal herbs, black pepper and wine, it became more palatable.

Even then, however, the sauce lacked excitement and reminded me too much of the kinds of sauces served in school and hospital cafeterias than those I would hope for either at home or in a good restaurant.

The Thousand Island sauce reminded me of the sauces of that name that one receives these days in too many cafe-restaurants. I smiled wryly, realizing that because I find such sauces so banal, I never order them in restaurants.

The prices of these sauces varied between NIS 20 and NIS 25 each. I cannot recommend them as at all tempting.

Osem also uses additives. With the release of Amigos, Osem has acknowledged that tortilla chips have become one of the most popular snack foods of the world. What the company seems to have missed, however, is that the very best of these products are made from entirely natural products.

The Osem tortilla chips come in round, rectangular and triangular shapes. All contain corn grits, vegetable oils, sugar and salt. They do not contain taste or aroma enhancers, but they do contain anti-oxidants.

The tortillas themselves are acceptable, maintaining their crispness and good flavor even as they are chewed.

In fact, if this was the only product of its type available on the market, I would recommend it. The problem, however, is that it is not nearly as good or wholesome as those chips produced by the American company Garden of Eatin'.

Made from entirely organically grown corn and other ingredients, and containing no additives whatever, the American brand proves superior in both crispness and flavor.

Osem also has introduced a new Mexican-style salsa to go with its tortilla chips. It contains tomatoes, water, peppers, vinegar, salt, sugar, spices, citric acid, vegetable stabilizers and taste and aroma materials. The salsa has a nice chunky texture and a pleasant level of hotness. If this product has a taste drawback, it is that the flavor that lingers on the palate is not of tomatoes, peppers or herbs but of a too-simple tomato puree.

The Osem tortilla chips come in 80-gr. packages that cost NIS 3.45 each. The Garden of Eatin' chips, which are available in nine different flavors, come in 226- or 283-gr. packages that cost between NIS 7 and NIS 11. The salsa, in 270-gr. jars, costs NIS 6.50.

#### A Tip for Gastronomes

Yossi Inbar, who has worked with two great chefs, Anton Mosimann and Raymond Blanc, is a chef seriously in love with the cuisine of French Provence. As a recent visit demonstrated, the dishes offered at his Sipur Yashan restaurant are a fascinating blend between French Provencal and Mediterranean cuisine.

My visit was inspired by the desire to sample several of the new dishes that have recently appeared on the menu, many specially appropriate for hot summer days. A salmon terrine, layered with Roquefort and wrapped in Swiss chard, made a delightful first course, the rich flavors of the terrine highlighted by a just gentle enough sauce of dill and mustard.

Equally tempting, either as first courses or luncheon main courses, were two salads, one of warm smoked goose breast and fried pine nuts, the other of thin strips of chicken breast served with cubes of potatoes and lightly pickled eggplant. Both salads, served on mixed greens, delighted by the lovely contrast in textures, flavors and the well-thought-out combination of warm and cold.

As a main course, even though it may be a bit heavy for summertime, consider the entrecote steak that has been cut into thick cubes, marinated, cooked and served with one of the richest demi-glace sauces you will ever find.

Understanding why the sauce is so rich is not difficult when one realizes that Inbar does not trust the great French chef Auguste Escoffier, who advised cooking beef bones 24 hours for this sauce. Inbar bakes them for nearly 36 hours. If that kind of heaviness is not your cup of tea, try the herbed, perfectly cooked shrimp in a sauce of butter, olive oil, lemon and garlic.

Whatever you do, do not miss the desserts here. Among the best I sampled were the frozen lemon soufflé and the peach parfait with red berry sauce.

The restaurant, which is a comfortable mini-museum of bric-a-brac, is charming and Inbar and his young sous chef, Nati Shafir, are presenting a well thought out, often imaginative and always impressive array of dishes.

Including a good but reasonably priced bottle of wine, the bill for two here will come to about NIS 300, which I consider excellent value for money. A must to visit.

Sipur Yashan: 16 Rehov Totzeret Ha'aretz, Tel Aviv. Open daily noon to midnight. Tel. (03) 691-0588.

## Culinary tidings

By DANIEL ROGOV

### The World's Most Expensive Beer

Mention the name of Michael Jackson and hundreds of millions of people conjure up an image of a young man who sings, dances and is the more than occasional cause of sexual-social controversy.

There is, however, another Michael Jackson who, although not as easily recognizable, is almost as popular. This second Michael Jackson lives in London, writes for *The Independent* and is generally considered the most knowledgeable beer critic in the world. Recently, after tasting a beer released by Whitbread Breweries in Nottingham, England, Jackson wrote that "it has an intentionally reddish dark color, a velvety texture, a full, round bouquet and a fruity-smoky taste that makes one think of a well-aged Burgundy or Port Wine."

It may be unusual to use the same terminol-

ogy to describe a beer that one usually applies to a wine, but this is not merely any beer. Made especially to celebrate the brewery's 250th anniversary and known as Whitbread's Celebration Ale, the beer has an extraordinarily high 11% alcohol content and a remarkably concentrated flavor.

More than this, every bottle is numbered, sealed with wax, wrapped in tissue paper and placed in a wooden box. The price per bottle is almost £10, making this the world's most expensive beer.

The brewery is rather secretive about precisely how its new beer was made; all that is known is that the beer contains special Golding hops and four different kinds of malt. Although ready to drink now, the brewery suggests that like wine, this beer will improve with age.

Jackson suggests saving the beer for three

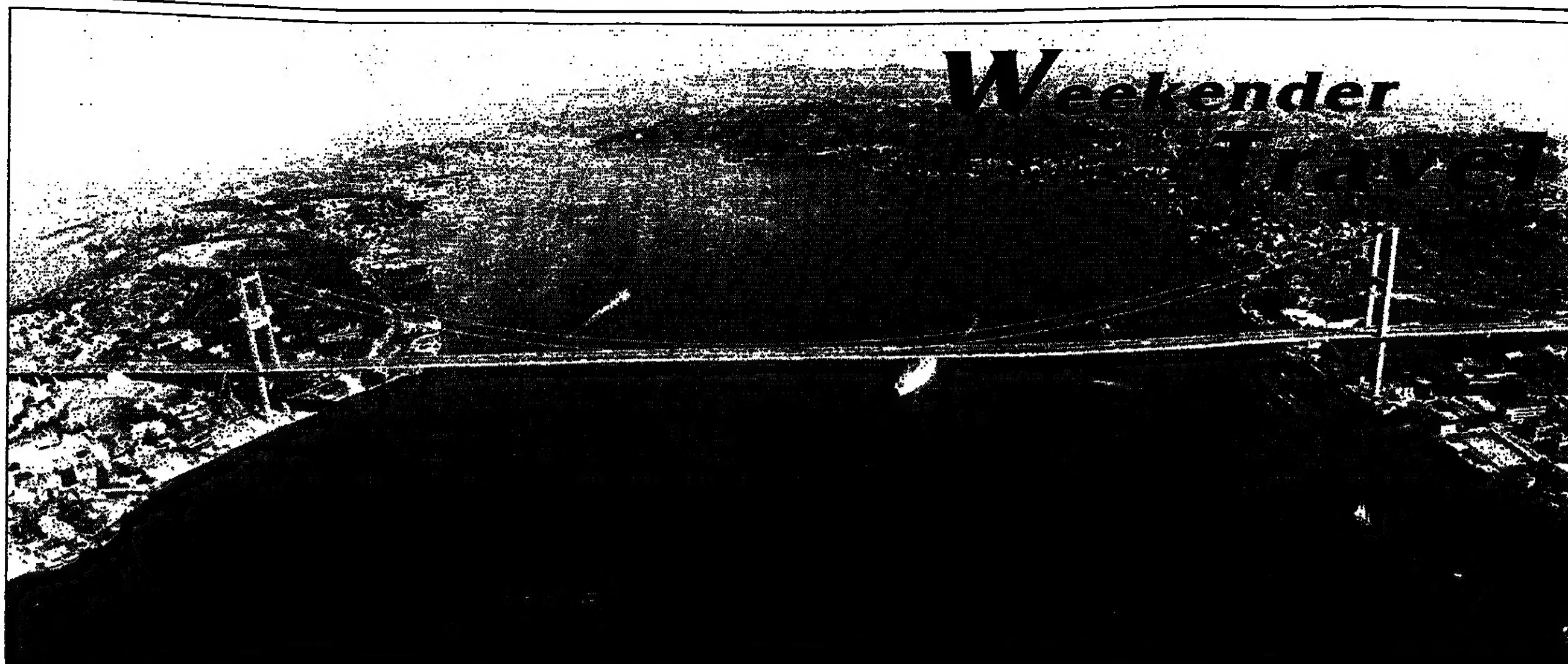
years, but says that it will be even better after another decade. Because of its high alcohol content, this beer is meant for sipping slowly from a small glass and should make an ideal accompaniment to cheeses such as Wensleydale, French blue cheese, or German Limburger.

The beer, which has been released in a limited series, can be bought only by direct order from the company. To order, write to Whitbread PLC Celebration Ale, c/o Meads, POB 12, West PDO, Leen Gate, Lenton, Nottingham NG7 2GB. For individual bottles, include a bank check for £9.99; for a case of six, £35.95. Be sure to add £1.20 per bottle for postage.

As to following Jackson's beer-related adventures, I highly recommend renting or purchasing the six video cassettes that contain his excellent series *The Beer Hunter*.



## Weekender



## A kosher taste of Turkey

Anyone who keeps kosher has two options when planning a vacation: traveling only to places that have kosher food or adding cans of tuna fish and other easily transportable foods to the bottles of suntan lotion and rolls of film in his suitcase.

The second option is inconvenient, especially when you have a large family, while, in the past, the first option cut out a lot of choice vacation sites. However, the list of locations that can accommodate tourists who keep kosher has been growing. And with the opening of the Elmakent resort, Turkey is now on that list.

Israeli and Turkish businessmen designed this holiday village with Israeli families, especially religious ones, in mind. Situated an hour from Istanbul on the southern coast of the Marmara Sea, Elmakent is an ideal base from which to explore Turkey or to just relax.

Elmakent's expansive beach, two swimming pools, and wide sun decks provide plenty of space to soak up the rays. The extensive sports facilities, which include tennis and basketball courts, soccer fields and a fitness center, should satisfy the more active vacationers.

The resort is composed of two-story villas large enough to comfortably accommodate a family of six. (Some smaller villas are also available.) Each villa comes with a fully equipped kitchen, plus a grill on the back porch. Meats, salads and basic food-

**The Elmakent holiday village was designed with Israeli families, especially religious ones, in mind. Heidi J. Gleit samples a different side of Turkey.**

stuffs are sold at a deli and small grocery store next to the resort's kosher restaurant.

Elmakent's main restaurant, which is not kosher, overlooks the main pool. A disco is located downstairs so that tourists can dance to music late into the night without disturbing those sleeping in the villas nearby.

In an effort to appeal to families, the Israeli team that planned Elmakent decided not to build a casino or large nightclub on the premises.

rounding the springs. Guests can enjoy a Turkish bath, complete with a massage, at the outdoor or indoor pools.

Several ferries connect Yalova to Istanbul - it takes an hour on the fast seabus and two hours on the slower one. Elmakent organizes day trips to Istanbul and the surrounding areas.

Since Istanbul is easily accessible, it might be worth going there on your own and letting the Elmakent staff set up excursions to the Princes' Islands and Iznik for you.

Istanbul - half in Europe and half in Asia, split by the Bosphorus straits and connected by bridges and ferries - is clearly a must-see on any trip to Turkey. You can spend days and days wandering through its palaces and markets, churches and mosques and museums. But it is worth pulling yourself away and exploring the surrounding countryside as well.

It is full of forests, apple and cherry orchards, interspersed with small villages. Signs of the Islamic political parties' growing influence are evident in the villages; almost all of them

have a brand-new minaret towering over the village's small old mosque.

Like everywhere else in the Mediterranean basin, Turkey has its share of Roman ruins. Iznik, once an important Roman, Byzantine, Seljuk and then Ottoman town, and now a small sleepy hamlet on the edge of Lake Iznik, has an abundance of archeological sites. The most impressive are the gates to the wall the Romans built around the city.

Uludag is also worth visiting. A popular ski resort in the winter and spring, it is part of a national park with hiking trails that snake through lush forests. From Uludag, take a cable car down to Bursa, which is built on the lower slopes of Uludag.

In Bursa, the Ottoman Empire's first capital, impressive Ottoman structures are surrounded by the city's newer buildings. In addition to the mosques and the tombs of the empire's founder, Osman, and his son, Bursa has a huge open market with alley after alley of stores, selling everything from shoes to silk.

When you get tired of traveling by road, you can take a seabus to the Princes' Islands, where the Turks often go for vacation. To get around Buyukada, a quiet beach town which is the largest of the nine islands, you can rent a bike or take a ride in a horse-drawn carriage.

EIGHT-DAY, seven-night package trips to Elmakent are approximately \$500 for adults and \$350 for children, including the flight and half-board. Time-sharing through RCI is also available. Prices for one week a year start at around \$6,000.

For more information, contact Jerusalem Tour Ltd. at (04) 832-4055/6.

The writer was a guest of Elmakent.



Top: The Bosphorus which links Europe with Asia is a must-see on any trip to Turkey. Above: The Elmakent holiday village, an hour from Istanbul, has two-story villas large enough to accommodate a family of six.

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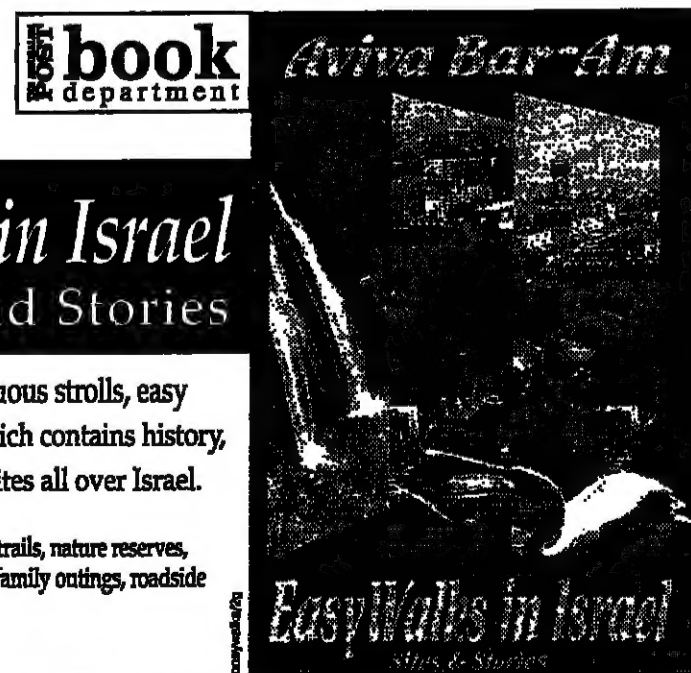
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## Not Page One

## Right or wrong, Right or Left

By Sam Orbaum

You don't read this newspaper because it is (a) a right-wing rag (b) a left-wing rag (c) it's a stupid question because obviously you're reading this newspaper.

Having worked here to these many years, I've heard it all. In any given week, half the people who provide their unsolicited opinions want to know how I could work for such a right-wing paper. The other half want to know how I could work for such a left-wing paper.

After 14 years of hearing this sort of thing, I suspect we might be putting out two editions, each the political opposite of the other, though nobody has ever mentioned this to the staff.

Or maybe everyone's right.

Maybe the Post is too Left for the righties, too Right for the lefties, which theoretically puts us right smack in the Center. But that's not possible, because in Israel there is no Center.

Anyhoo, I figure it's time to resolve the issue here and now. I asked around the newsroom. Are we Left?

Half the staffers said yes, half

Israelis. Too anti-Palestinian. Better would have been "Israelis remain in Israeli cities."

In the same vein, we could have made the PM look a bit better by rewording the headline "Premier cancels US trip" to "Premier stays home."

"PM: Peace process in danger." If a PM propagandist were an editor here, he might have written that differently: "PM worried about peace process."

"Suha Arafat intervenes in Hebron monastery dispute." Ditto. If we were pro-Palestinian, Suha would have "helped" or "mediated" or "resolved" the dispute. "Intervenes" makes her look like a meddling yenta.

"Crisis lingers after Levy, PM meet." Is that anti-Right or what? It would be not untrue to simplify that to "Levy, PM meet."

"Survey: 1/3 of university students try drugs." A classic. Plays right into the hands of Israeli bashers. A truly Zionist headline writer would have rendered that: "2/3 of university students don't try drugs."

Do two negatives make a positive? Not in headline writing. "Gov't: No halt to Har Homa"

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said no.

Are we Right? Same response, but the other way round.

Then I sought out just the Canadian staffers, because Canadians are renowned for seeing all points of view. Half of them said maybe; half, maybe not. Half the people in Lower Galilee live on hills and are higher up than the half in the Upper Galilee who live in valleys. In other words, that's just the way things are.

Same with the Post. Finally, it hit me: where to find the answer is in the newspaper itself. Specifically, the headlines.

FOR THE sake of this study, I examined headlines from the past few weeks.

"Barak praises PM for opposing plan." A politically correct headline. Righties will have understood that to mean the PM was praised, lefties that the PM opposed the plan.

"Mordechai sits out budget vote." Obviously slanted. It could just as easily have read "Budget vote held without Mordechai."

"Opposition wins no-confidence vote, 49-44." If we were such leftists this would have read "Likud regime loses vote...." On the other hand, if we were rightists, the story would not have run.

"Palestinian cities off-limits to

could have been non-negative as "Progress at Har Homa." On the other hand, we could have been more supportive of the propaganda effort with something like "Gov't provides hope for homeless as once-barren hill flourishes." Never mind that it's too long; if we had to make it fit, we could.

"US, Israel slam Arafat." If this were a Palestinian newspaper, we'd all be in jail for that. (In fact, on the same page as that headline was another: "Journalist Kuttab held in Ramallah prison.") My honorable colleagues on the other side of town would have interpreted that as "President Arafat refuses to kowtow to American, Israeli humiliation."

"Barak still needs Peres" ran a headline under an "Analysis" tag. We can only assume that space constraints, or political sensitivity, prevented the full headline from running: "Barak still needs Peres like a hole in the head."

Anyway, you get the idea. Half of you will see this as proof we're a right-wing rag, half that we're a left-wing rag. Half will continue to read it, despite our perceived politics, the other half because of it, and vice versa for people who don't read the paper.

Half the complaints are not unjustified, the other half, justified. That's just the way things are.



Comics creators are climbing the walls with the drop in sales.

## A comic gathering

These are strange days in the world of Batman. Spiderman and others who dress in capes and masks to fight crime.

Comics sales in the US have plummeted. Collector stores are closing. A few years back, DC Comics even killed off Superman — and then brought him back to boost sales.

For four days last month, the largest US comics convention, Comic-Con International, drew 35,000 people.

Creators and fans alike pondered the future of the industry.

"Comics as we've known them are at a very interesting turn in the road," said Will Eisner, creator of "The Spirit," and the man whose trophy, The Will Eisner Award, is the Oscar of the comics field.

"They have ceased to be a novelty as a form, and they are undergoing a tectonic shift from form to content," he said.

New-style comics — look at "Too Much Coffee Man" (a bug-eyed character who meditates on the agony and ecstasy of caffeine) — vie with standards that date back to World War II.

At the convention, muscled Batman imitators shared floor space with adult-themed "bad girl" comics, hocked by scantily clad women with tattoos in places that would make a biker blush.

The target audience is males, 18 to 49.

In recent years, movies have turned to the comics: *Men in Black*, the soon-to-be-released *Spawn*, the *Batman* series. But the latest *Batman* installment did

not do as well as expected, and TV's latest version of *Superman*, *Lois and Clark*, recently folded quietly.

Money is at the heart of the problem, some say. When comics became commodities for collectors, the industry suffered.

Yet as traditionalists moan, independent comic producers are blossoming.

Shannon Wheeler of Austin, Texas, walked away from Dark Horse Comics to start his "Too Much Coffee Man."

"It's social satire under the guise of slapstick," Wheeler said. "I screw with story structure and leave out saving the universe."

But Eisner said the cape-and-muscles crowd will probably always have an audience.

"Superheroes fill a social need," he said. (AP)

## THEN AND THERE

## Soldiers in defense of the land

By SHAYLA SHAPIRO

Militarily speaking, the Nahal was conceived in sin. *No'ar Hatzurim* — Fighting Pioneering Youth — comprises soldiers enlisted by law. But in addition to normal military duties they are supposed to learn farming and establish settlements along the country's undefended borders.

The idea was proposed by several youth movements when universal military service was debated in the Knesset, shortly after the establishment of the state. It pleased prime minister and defense minister David Ben-Gurion, says David Koren, a former Knesset member living in Kibbutz Geshet Haziv and author of a new book about the Nahal. He subtitled his book *Zava Im Eretz Mussaf*, "An Army with Added Value" (published by the Defense Ministry, 226 pp.).

Youth movements in the prestate era did not glorify military service. Their aims were, rather, ideological: social justice, national ser-

vice, and religious revival, for some. The fact that circumstances forced young people to devote some of their energy to the army was seen as regrettable. Aspiring young men who had performed remarkably as military commanders naturally switched to civilian leadership after completing their apprenticeship in the army.

Article 6(F) of the Military Service Law, 1949, stipulated that the defense minister could require all recruits, for no more than the first 12 months of their compulsory service and after basic training, to get training in agriculture. He could release some of the soldiers from this duty, if the army needed them.

This provision was changed slightly in 1986, making the agricultural training optional rather than mandatory. In practice, however, the vast majority of the armed forces have never done farming of any sort. But those enlisted in the Nahal did. And because the number of recruits from youth movements was relatively small, the Nahal absorbed many soldiers who had had no links with pioneering settlements.

THE PARADIGM for the Nahal was, of course, the Palmah, which was the striking force of the Hagana, the underground military organization prior to the establishment of the state. Because the Hagana was illegal, the Palmah volunteers were posted in kibbutzim, mainly those whose members belonged to the Labor movement. Palmahniks were in training part of the week, working the rest of the time with the kibbutz members for their keep. Idealism was natural to them. They helped defend new settlements, protected new "illegal" immigrants, and performed all the dangerous tasks assigned them by national decision-makers.

The Palmah, a symbol of devotion and purity, garnered general respect. But its semi-independent status was abolished by Ben-Gurion because of the political slant it developed under the command of left-wingers.

The Nahal had most of the duties the Palmah had. Nahal settlements sprang up along the borders. Nahal soldiers raised veg-

etables when the country was short of them. Anything that could be termed "defense of the nation" might be thrust on Nahal, even teaching new immigrants Hebrew. Like the Palmah, the Nahal enhanced cultural activity, maintained an actors' group and published a weekly magazine.

But there was a big difference. The Nahal was open to criticism from many quarters. Some came from politicians on the left, eager to disavow an initiative connected with Ben-Gurion. Among the higher echelons of the defense establishment dissatisfaction was brewing, too, because the Nahal drew many capable young men away from army officers' schools.

Parachuting was added to the Nahal's duties, and, somewhat later, armor was added. But the general trend recently has been toward the abolition of the Nahal. Even the outspoken Rafael Eitan, agriculture minister and former chief of staff, has gone on record with his call to disband the Nahal, "which is no longer necessary."

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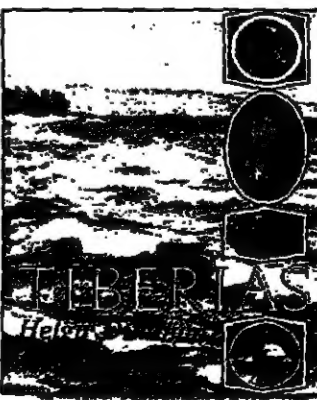
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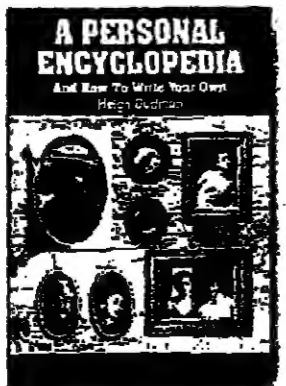
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## TELEVISION

ELANA CHIPMAN

The Israeli film *In the Name of Love* (1995) was shown in over 20 international film festivals and won first prize at the Rivertown Festival in the US. The film, to be screened tonight at 8:45 on Channel 1, is the story of a mother, a daughter, two lovers and a betrayed woman, five people who each betray those closest to them in the name of love. The movie, directed and produced by Irit Shochori, examines complex relationships and the lies people construct for themselves and asks whether love can conquer all and excuse everything — all within the confines of a two-room Tel Aviv apartment.

## FILM

ADINA HOFFMAN

**★★★ AUSTIN POWERS: INTERNATIONAL MAN OF MYSTERY** — A vehicle for star and scriptwriter Mike Myers, this big silly soup of a spoof lampoons and honors at one and the same time James Bond, Richard Lester's Beatles movies, and the outlandish garish mod-culture of late '60s London. Fashion photographer by day, spy by night, Powers is a party-loving ladies' man who is frozen cryogenically in 1967 and thawed out some 30 years later so that he might do battle with his nemesis, Dr. Evil (also played by Myers) who has recently been defrosted as well and now plans to blow up the world.

What makes the film so funny in its light, TV-comedy sketch way is that both Myers and director Jay Roach clearly feel real affection for the movies and music of the hero's heyday, and as they set out to reconstruct the unmitigated tackiness of the era, as embodied by Austin, a surprising witfulness takes hold. The most memorable bits here aren't verbal jokes but visual gags — little nostalgic



Elizabeth Hurley adds to the psychedelic atmosphere in 'Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery.'

homages to the dated camera work and editing techniques that gave commercial movies in the '60s their low-tech psychedelic look and feel. With Elizabeth Hurley, Robert Wagner and Michael York. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Parental guidance suggested.)

**★★★ THAT OLD FEELING** — In this enjoyably retrograde romantic comedy, Bette Midler and Dennis Farina play a divorced couple who claim to despise one another but who turn out still to be deeply in love. After 14 years of marriage to other, less compatible partners, they are reunited at their daughter's wedding and they can't keep their hands off each other: first they wrestle and then they embrace. Written (by Leslie Dixon) expressly for Midler, the movie gives its star ample opportunity to ham and stay in character, and though her performance is basically a long, belted one-note, it's quite winning. Director Carl Reiner's technique is deliberately old-fashioned, but it isn't stuffy. If anything, his skewed affection for the misbehaving characters harks back to the sophisticatedly amoral fables of Lubitch and Mankiewicz, with a bit of '60s sitcom thrown in. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Parental guidance suggested.)

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6:30 News flash  
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8:00 Cartoons  
10:00 Eric's World  
10:30 The Intrepid  
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12:30 Traveller  
13:00 Cartoons  
15:15 The Story of Read Aloud-Dead Aloud

## CHANNEL 1

15:30 Zappy Wave  
15:35 Denver, the Last Dinosaur  
16:00 Super Ben  
16:45 Headbush High  
16:45 Super Ben  
16:50 Zappy Wave  
17:30 Zappy Wave  
18:05 Super Ben  
18:10 Time For Language  
18:15 News in English

## ARABIC PROGRAMS

18:30 Nighmares of Night  
19:00 News

## HEBREW PROGRAMS

18:30 News flash  
18:35 From Day to Day  
18:40 The Tyrant  
18:45 News in Arabic  
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21:15 Moulou Rouge  
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Cutting down on traffic

Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert (second from right) cuts a ribbon to open a new bridge on the Bezek Road at Givat Mordechai over Highway No. 4 (Menachem Begin Boulevard). The highway, slated for completion next June, runs from the city entrance through a valley between Givat Ram and Beit Hakerem. To Olmert's left is Transportation Minister Yitzhak Levy.

## Masorti movement to petition High Court

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

The Masorti Movement plans to petition the High Court of Justice in the near future for the right to pray at what it is calling "the holy sites," including the Western Wall.

The movement's Rabbi Andy Sacks said yesterday that as part of its court fight, it would be setting up a Web site where individuals who had "participated in mixed davening at the Western Wall in the past" can register

their experience. The site, which is expected to be up and running by tomorrow, will be accessible at [www.masorti.org](http://www.masorti.org).

Meanwhile, the movement is pursuing a specific complaint versus the police in the Justice

Ministry's Police Investigations Division regarding alleged police brutality during the removal of Masorti worshippers from the area near the Western Wall where they had congregated on Tisha Be'av eve.

## Hanegbi: Speed up 'court bypass bill'

By BAT SHEVA TSUR and LIAT COLLINS

A bill that would prevent non-Orthodox Jews from sitting on religious councils should be speeded through the Knesset, Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi recommended yesterday.

Speaking after last night's cabinet meeting he said the recommendation was supported by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

The bill regarding the make-up of religious councils was proposed by the Religious Affairs Ministry.

The National Religious Party is demanding that it be passed within two weeks of the start of the Knesset's winter session at the end of October. Transport Minister Yitzhak Levy said yesterday.

The NRP MKs complained that the status quo had been changed in favor of the non-religious several times recently, but the laws which are part of the coalition agreement have not been passed.

Levy said he does not see the situation as being a crisis at the moment, although it could grow into one if the government does not abide by the coalition agreements.

After a meeting with Netanyahu yesterday afternoon, Shas leader Aryeh Deri said he had been promised the bill would be passed.

It was not clear late last night whether or not Eli Suissa would be returning to the Religious Affairs Ministry, which he relinquished when Netanyahu signed the appointment of Joyce Brenner to the Netanyahu Religious Council Tuesday night.

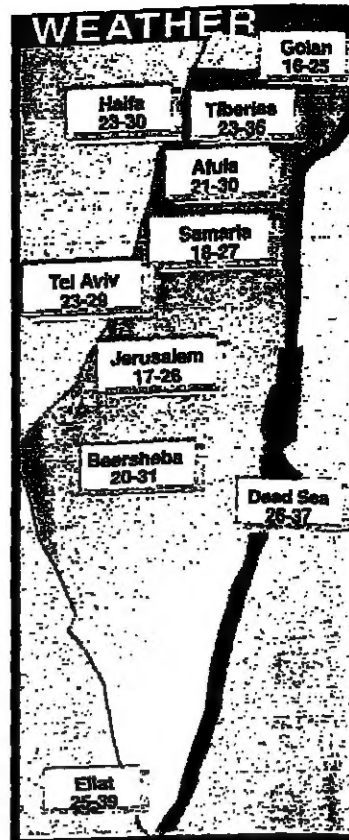
"The prime minister said he would be handing back the ministry to me today or tomorrow," Suissa told a press conference.

Suissa, who is also interior minister, was due to hand over the Religious Affairs Ministry to the NRP's Zevulun Hammer at the end of this month, according to a coalition rotation agreement.

Suissa vowed that "any further attempts to promote the interests of that gang [Meretz]" would be met with further "bypass legislation" by the religious bloc.

He said that all the religious parties, as well as Meledet's Benny Elon, had put up a united front to oppose any rulings by the High Court that violate their conscience.

"We will all be out of the coalition if the matter is not taken care of," he added. "And we have 23 votes."



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### Winning cards and numbers

In yesterday's first daily Chance drawing, the winning cards were the nine of spades, queen of hearts, seven of diamonds and queen of clubs. In the second drawing, the winning cards were the jack of spades, eight of hearts, 10 of diamonds and seven of clubs.

In last night's lottery, the winning numbers were 49, 30, 25, 19, 12 and 1. The additional number was 31.

## Suissa affair sparks Knesset debate

By LIAT COLLINS

Eli Suissa, who resigned as religious affairs minister this week, rather than sign the document to allow a Reform Jew to sit on the Netanyahu Religious Council, told the Knesset plenum in a debate on the issue yesterday that allowing Dr. Joyce Brenner to take the seat would make a mockery of all those who have died for their religious beliefs.

Suissa condemned the Reform Jews for not requiring circumcision and for tolerating Jewish-Gentile and same-sex marriages. He said the Reform openly violate Shabbat and that their assimilation rate is high.

Suissa said he considered Reform Jews as "those who have been captured," adding that it is a mitzvah to "redeem a Jew from captivity."

Suissa said the majority of the Israeli public does not agree with the Reform Jews, but "unfortunately they have been getting support recently from the High Court."

The end of the debate was marked by an argument from the benches between Meretz leader Yossi Sarid and Shas leader Aryeh Deri, during which Sarid called Deri an "idiot." They were arguing over who had been allowed more time to speak, Suissa or Sarid.

In his motion, Sarid said, "Netanya is just the beginning." "We are completely committed to breaking the Orthodox monopoly.... At Mount Sinai there were many Meretz supporters, many

Reform and Conservative (Jews), even more it seems than you, and if it was alright with Moses it will be alright for the Orthodox eventually," Sarid said.

Labor issued a statement criticizing the prime minister's for dismissing the religious affairs minister and signing the necessary document himself without waiting 48 hours for the resignation to come into effect. Labor labeled his actions "contempt of the High Court" and gathered the 30 signatures necessary to hold a special Knesset session on the issue next week.

MK Ephraim Sneh (Labor) accused the prime minister of "insisting on expelling 3 million Jews from the Jewish people."

Third Way whip Yehuda Harel stated that he would "boycott the Western Wall" as long as it was treated as an Orthodox synagogue which does not allow for worshippers to hold mixed prayers or pray according to their own traditions and practices.

MK Moshe Gafni (United Torah Judaism) said he could not give the Reform legitimization by allowing them to sit on religious councils and he threatened to resign from the coalition if the government let it happen.

His party colleagues, however, did not seem to take Gafni's threat seriously. UTJ leader and Deputy Housing Minister Meir Porush said although he did not feel comfortable "at the moment we must go with the law which will amend the situation to what it was."

## Hanegbi: Direct premier election averted crisis

By BAT SHEVA TSUR

The law for direct election of the prime minister helped Premier Benjamin Netanyahu avert a coalition crisis over appointing a Reform woman to a religious council, Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi said yesterday.

Hanegbi helped engineer the maneuver by which Netanyahu signed the appointment of Dr. Joyce Brenner to the Netanyahu council last night, to avoid violating a High Court order after Religious Affairs Minister Eli Suissa wouldn't sign.

"With one stroke of the pen, Netanyahu became Religious Affairs Minister at midnight (on Tuesday)," Hanegbi said on Israel Radio. "The Prime Minister, who consulted with the Attorney General, realized that the High Court order had to be carried out -

but he also wanted to avoid a coalition crisis," with Shas.

Hanegbi said that Suissa felt he couldn't sign, and that a solution was found in a clause of the law by which Netanyahu was elected in June 1996, which said that by signing the papers, the prime minister in effect became acting Religious Affairs Minister.

Under the previous law, by which prime ministers weren't elected directly, it took 48 hours for a minister's resignation to take effect, and Netanyahu wouldn't have been able to carry out the Religious Affairs Minister's duty right away, Hanegbi said.

Hanegbi said the government understood the issue was a "matter of conscience" for Suissa. "We had to find a way to prevent a local crisis in Netanyahu from becoming a national crisis," he said.

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